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Senate Resolution No. 2493

BY: Senator HOYLMAN

COMMEMORATING the 48th Annual LGBT Pride March in New York City on June 25, 2017, an extraordinary event honoring and celebrating the LGBT community

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge exceptional events that enrich the people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The 48th Annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride March will be commemorated in New York City on Sunday, June 25, 2017; and

WHEREAS, The first LGBT Pride March in New York City was held in 1970, and in the decades since it has grown to be an extraordinary annual event honoring and celebrating the LGBT community; and

WHEREAS, LGBT people have made important and lasting contributions to our great State and Nation in every field of endeavor including business, medicine, law, humanities, science, literature, politics, education, music, philanthropy, sports, arts, and culture that enrich our national life; and

WHEREAS, The LGBT Pride March in New York City celebrates the impact LGBT people have had on the world and represents our collective fight against prejudice and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the purpose of the LGBT Pride March has broadened to recognize the battle against HIV/AIDS and remember those who we have lost; and

WHEREAS, The LGBT Pride March in New York City is one of the many Pride marches, parades, and celebrations that will be held across New York State throughout the month of June, from Buffalo to Albany to the Hudson Valley to Long Island; and

WHEREAS, Marchers and spectators from around the world will convene in New York City on June 25th, representing LGBT people and allies who come from all walks of life, regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, ethnicity, national origin, economic status, physical or mental ability, medical condition, sex, gender identity or expression; and

WHEREAS, This year, for the first time ever, the LGBT Pride March will be broadcast live on television, allowing viewers from around the city, state, nation, and world to join in the festivities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 48th Annual LGBT Pride March in New York City on June 25, 2017.