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Senate Resolution No. 3609

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 5, 2018, as Canada Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, New York and Canada share many additional deep economic, historical, cultural and familial ties; and

WHEREAS, The two nations share an international border measuring 445 miles in length with 17 international border crossings-including three of the United States' top 10 busiest border crossings-and featuring the important international trade corridors, the Quebec-New York Corridor, the Capitol Corridor, and Continental One, as well as the busiest crossing between Canada and the United States-in terms of passenger vehicles-at the Peace Bridge; and

WHEREAS, The New York-Canada partnership boasts the largest bilateral tourism industry in the United States with over 5.53 million Canadians visiting New York, accounting for over \$1.6 billion in vacation spending; and

WHEREAS, Canada is New York's primary export market, with \$12.6 billion in exports and \$30.3 billion in bilateral trade in 2017; and

WHEREAS, This relationship has led to more than 700 Canadian-owned

companies operating in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Those companies are responsible for more than 72,750 jobs throughout the state, with average salaries of \$57,030; and

WHEREAS, Reflective of this strong relationship, when the Consul General of Canada in New York State launched the Canadian Technology Accelerator for digital media, 80 Canadian companies traveled to New York for the program with 25 percent of program participants establishing a presence in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The economies of Canada and New York are tightly linked through integrated cross-border supply chains that keep our firms competitive; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 5, 2018, as Canada Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, and to Consul General Phyllis Yaffe of the Consulate General of Canada in New York.