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Senator Kevin Thomas Sponsors Resolution Memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 26, 2022, as India Republic Day in the State of New York

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Senate Resolution No. 1585

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MEMORIALIZING

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WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay just tribute to the cultural heritage of the ethnic groups which comprise and contribute to the richness and diversity of the community of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 26, 2022, as Indian Republic Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Republic Day; and

WHEREAS, The 26th of January was chosen as Republic Day because on this day in 1930, the Declaration of Indian Independence was proclaimed in defiance of colonial

British rule; it became official in 1950, honoring the date in which the Constitution of India came into effect with a democratic government system, completing the country's transition towards becoming an independent Republic; and

WHEREAS, This year, 2022, marks the 72nd Anniversary the Constitution of India came into effect, an important milestone for both India and democracy; and

WHEREAS, Indian Republic Day celebrates the great contributions of Indian Americans to the fabric of New York, and pays tribute to the common culture and bonds of friendship between the United States and the Indian Republic; and

WHEREAS, Indian Republic Day affirms the culture, identity and self-esteem of a people; it celebrates a rich heritage and illuminates the Indian history and tradition, as well as

the spirit of an
indomitable people; and

WHEREAS, First arriving
in the mid-19th Century,
there are now more
than 300,000 Indian
Americans living in New
York, making it the
second
largest Indian American
population; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore,
more Indian Americans
reside in the New York
City metropolitan area than
any other urban center in
the country; and

WHEREAS, Research
shows that 72% of
Indian Americans have a
bachelor's degree compared
to 37% of Americans, and a
higher percentage
than immigrants from the
United Kingdom and other
Asian Countries; and

WHEREAS, Immigrants
contributed two trillion
dollars to the United
States economy in
2015-2016 alone, and
new claims state that
Indian-Americans are the
most entrepreneurial of all
groups; and

WHEREAS, Indian Republic Day is a time to celebrate the aspirations and values that have been shared with Indian people for generations, and

to recognize the countless contributions of Americans and New Yorkers of Indian descent to every aspect of society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 26, 2022, as Indian Republic Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York.