



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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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**

Governor Kathy Hochul to  
proclaim

January 26, 2022,  
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in the  
State of New York

**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.