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Assembly Resolution No. 2210

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 21, 2024, as St. Lucia Flag Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those official days which are set aside to foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 21, 2024, as St. Lucia Flag Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, St. Lucia Flag Day celebrates the rich culture of St. Lucia and its people, including the history, language, arts, food, music, and traditions; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the day is to raise awareness and understanding about the St. Lucian culture, celebrate the independence of St. Lucia, as well as to strengthen the pride of St. Lucians and their youth; and

WHEREAS, The national flag of St. Lucia was adopted on March 1, 1967, upon achieving self-government; the blue epitomizes the sky and the sea, specifically the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea which encircles the country; the black and white allude to the harmonious relationship between the black and white races; the yellow symbolizes the sunshine, as well as prosperity; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to urge the citizens of New York State to join St. Lucians as they rejoice in the accomplishments of their ancestors by memorializing February 21, 2024, as St. Lucia Flag Day; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 21, 2024, as St. Lucia Flag 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.