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## Make Good Friday a Public Holiday

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BROOKLYN, NY (3/30/18) For Christians Good Friday, is especially important to their faith. Good Friday, which takes place annually on the Friday before Easter Sunday, commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Although Christianity is widely practiced across New York State, the day is not observed as a public holiday. Fortunately, State Senator Kevin Parker is working to pass Senate Bill S6937 that if signed into law, would designate Good Friday as a public holiday in the State of New York.

“The purpose of the legislation is to ensure that New York State recognizes and celebrates the religious diversity of all its citizenry. Currently, Good Friday is a state holiday in 12 states: Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Tennessee, and Texas. It is time for New York State to stop lagging behind and recognize Good Friday as a public holiday on behalf of the many observers across our great State,” said Senator Parker.