

## 2017-J5430

Senate Resolution No. 5430

BY: Senator PERALTA

COMMEMORATING the 208th Anniversary of Colombia's  
Declaration of Independence on July 20, 2018

WHEREAS, Colombia is the only overland gateway joining North and  
Central America with South America; and

WHEREAS, Native Colombians, African people, and Spanish settlers  
contributed to the "cultural melting pot" of what is today Colombia; and

WHEREAS, After centuries under Spanish colonial rule characterized  
by political uprisings, cultural and religious influence, and the  
emergence of new social classes, Colombia's independence process started  
on July 20, 1810; and

WHEREAS, On that day, the citizens of Bogota created the first  
representative council leading to what would become Colombia's first  
national government; and

WHEREAS, Though this revolutionary movement was only the beginning  
of Colombia's process of independence, it was a crucial turning point  
for the nation's social cohesion and much of Latin America; and

WHEREAS, Led by Simon Bolivar, complete victory over the Spanish was  
declared in August of 1819; and

WHEREAS, Today, Colombia is often recognized as Latin America's  
oldest democracy; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body would like to recognize that New York

is home to many Colombians and Colombian-Americans and would like to join them in celebrating Colombia's Independence Day; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 208th Anniversary of Colombia's Declaration of Independence, on July 20, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Maria Isabel Nieto Jaramillo, Consul General of Colombia in New York, and to New York's various Colombian organizations.