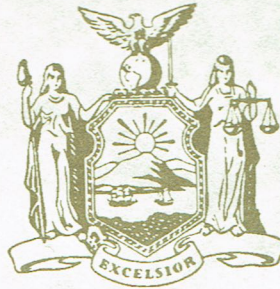


Legislative Resolution



Assembly No. 1017

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and Ortiz

COMMEMORATING the historic First Anniversary of the
United Confederation of Taino People

WHEREAS, The Taino People are the descendants of the first Native Peoples of the Americas to greet Cristobal Colon (Christopher Columbus) in the Year 1492, and have a distinct spiritual and material relationship with the lands, territories, waters and coastal sea, which they have traditionally been connected to, occupied and used from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, The Taino People have distinct ethnic, cultural and spiritual traditions; history; language; and customs and have organized themselves for their spiritual, social, political, economic and cultural enhancement; and

WHEREAS, The Taino People, being represented by organizations such as Caney Quinto Mundo, Consejo General de Tainos Borincanos, Fundacion Social Luz Cosmica Tania, Presencia Taina, Giboney Tribe and by Cacibajagua have chosen, in solidarity, representatives themselves and established the United Confederation of Taino People; and

WHEREAS, The United States Regional Chapter of the United Confederation of the Taino People, based in New York at 37-14 103rd Street, Suite 2000, Corona, NY 11368, is the voice of the Taino People in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The United Confederation of Taino People is celebrating its historic First Anniversary, which coincides with and recognizes the United Nations International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples, and the Equinox that signals the beginning of the planting cycle that the Taino People have observed for thousands of years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize the efforts of the United Confederation of the Taino People on the occasion of their First Anniversary.

ADOPTED IN ASSEMBLY ON
June 1, 1999

By order of the Assembly,

Francine M. Misasi

Francine M. Misasi, Clerk

