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Res. No. 587

Resolution calling upon the City University of New York (CUNY) to incorporate the Muslim holidays of Eid Ul-Fitr and Eid Ul-Adha as observed university holidays throughout the CUNY system.

By Council Members Dromm, Chin, Constantinides, Gibson, Richards, Rose, Vallone and Menchaca

Whereas, Eid Ul-Fitr and Eid Ul-Adha are considered to be significant holidays in the Muslim community; and

Whereas, Eid Ul-Fitr is a time of joy and thanksgiving that is celebrated at the completion of Ramadan and involves various celebrations and special services; and

Whereas, Eid Ul-Adha, or the "Feast of Sacrifice," is the second most important festival on the Muslim calendar, and is a day of remembrance; and

Whereas, The first day is the most important day of both Muslim holidays; and

Whereas, The "Muslims in New York City Project," an initiative through Columbia University's Middle East Institute, estimates that approximately 600,000 Muslims live in New York City, and represent one of the

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fastest growing religious communities in the City; and

Whereas, Despite this growing population, Eid Ul-Fitr and Eid Ul-Adha are not recognized as university holidays at The City University of New York (CUNY); and

Whereas, Currently, CUNY campuses are closed on a number of religious holidays, including Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Christmas, Good Friday, Easter and Passover; and

Whereas, In New York City, alternate side parking is suspended in observance of the two Muslim holidays; and

Whereas, S.0684, sponsored by Senator Tony Avella, and A.6947, sponsored by Assembly Member David Weprin, would require the State University of New York (SUNY) and CUNY to observe the holidays Eid Ul-Fitr and Eid Ul-Adha; and

Whereas, CUNY is the largest public urban university in the nation with a student population of approximately 270,000 degree-seeking students and 248,000 adult, continuing and professional education students, whose ethnic and cultural backgrounds are represented by 216 countries; and

Whereas, CUNY prides itself in its continuing development of programs and policies designed to meet the academic and social needs of its diverse student body population, and therefore, should incorporate these two important Muslim holidays into the University's academic calendar; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the City University of New York (CUNY) to incorporate the Muslim holidays of Eid Ul-Fitr and Eid Ul-Adha as observed university holidays throughout the CUNY system.

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