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Res. No. 505

Resolution declaring the week beginning July 28<sup>th</sup> as Peruvian Heritage Week, and July 28<sup>th</sup> as Peruvian Independence Day in the City of New York

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Whereas, Peru gained independence from Spain on July 28, 1821, when the Republic of Peru was established as a sovereign and independent country; and

Whereas, The people of Peru have established a pluralistic democracy, which includes the freedoms cherished by the people of the United States, including the freedoms of speech, religion, association, and the press, as well as government by the consent of the governed; and

Whereas, Peru continues to serve as a model of democratic values, by regularly holding free and fair elections and promoting the free exchange of ideas; and

Whereas, Since Peru became an independent country, the interests of Peru and the United States have

been closely aligned; and

Whereas, Peru is a supporter of the United States war on terror, and joins the United States in promoting political and economic freedoms, combating poverty, crime, disease and drugs, and promoting security, stability and prosperity; and

Whereas, The bonds of association and friendship between the peoples of the two countries have been strengthened by the large number of Peruvians who have migrated to the United States, and proudly, to the City of New York; and

Whereas, The Peruvians and Peruvian-Americans residing in the City of New York have made innumerable contributions to the City's social, economic, and political arenas, and Peru's rich identity and heritage have become an integral part of the cultural tapestry of this great City; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York declares the week beginning July 28<sup>th</sup> as Peruvian Heritage Week, and July 28<sup>th</sup> as Peruvian Independence Day in the City of New York.

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