

# STATE OF NEW YORK



## The Legislature

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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the many contributions of New York State farmworkers and recognizing their need for fair labor practices

Introduced by  
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WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of our farmworkers as they continue their hard work of cultivating the land, facing the many challenges of nature such as flood, drought and heat, in order to grow our food; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the many contributions of New York State farmworkers and to recognize their need for fair labor practices; and

WHEREAS, Friday, May 1, 2009, is International Labor Day; the campaign for an eight hour work day and a 40 hour work week, launched by the American Federation of Labor on May 1, 1890, continues to this very day for farmworkers in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Farmworkers directly contribute billions of dollars of economic productivity to the New York economy and are the backbone for the "buy local" movement now coming into vogue; the denial of equal rights and protections to farmworkers in 2009 relates fundamentally to our country's original sin of slavery; and

WHEREAS, Over 70 years ago, the New Deal labor regime, as conceived by New York leaders President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, and Senator Robert Wagner directed Congress to pass basic wage and hour protections for industrial and agricultural workers; despite a majority, these protections were passed only by accommodating the demands of southern segregationists, who objected on the grounds that the protections would put farmworkers (a primarily African American workforce) on an equal footing with their white counterparts in other industries; as a result, the farmworkers fell victim to political expediency and were left out of the New Deal and subsequent labor and employment protections; and

WHEREAS, New York State then patterned its own labor laws after the New Deal, repeating those particular exclusions; this state of affairs stands in contrast to New York's ideals, history, and contemporary popular opinion; and

WHEREAS, Ending this shameful era of exclusion would restore pride to the "Pride of New York" program and truly honor the industrious farmworkers of New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the many contributions of New York State farmworkers and to recognize their need for fair labor practices; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Rural and Migrant Ministry and to The Justice for Farmworkers Campaign.

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SHORT TITLE: Honoring the many contributions of New York State farmworkers and recognizing their need for fair labor practices

BLURB: Farmworkers - fair labor