

New York City Council

Memorandum in Support of Legislation

This memorandum is authored by the sponsor and explains the need for the legislation referenced below, in accordance with Rule 6.00(d) of the Rules of the Council.

Legislative Service Number:

- Reso 0596-2024

Prime Sponsor:

- Council Member Joann Ariola

Bill Title:

Resolution designating March 14 annually as Innocent 11 Remembrance Day in the City of New York in honor of those who were murdered by an anti-Italian mob in New Orleans in 1891.

Submitted by:

- Council Member Joann Ariola
- Justification

11 innocent Italians were lynched on March 14th, 1891 which was considered one of the largest mass lynchings in American history. This event caused President Truman to host Columbus Day as an apology to Italian Americans.

For this reason I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.