



**CITY OF BEACON  
CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION NO. 138 OF 2023**

**URGING GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL TO SIGN BILLS NO. S1163A/A7691  
TO ESTABLISH THE NEW YORK STATE COMMUNITY COMMISSION  
ON REPARATION REMEDIES**

**WHEREAS**, the “New York State Community Commission on Reparation Remedies” S1163A/A7691 is designed to acknowledge the fundamental injustice, cruelty, brutality, and inhumanity of slavery in the State of New York, which did not fully end until 1827: and

**WHEREAS**, S1163A/A7691 would establish a commission on reparations remedies (“Commission”) to examine both the legacy of the institution of slavery and the subsequent de jure and de facto racial and economic discrimination against people of African descent, and to evaluate the current impact of these forces today on people of African descent; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Commission would examine the condition of living people of African descent in the State of New York, including, but not limited to, economic, political, educational, and social conditions, and use findings from this process to recommend remedies and reparations which are found to be appropriate; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State’s status as an economic and cultural hub has been built and shaped by slavery, and the State continues to feature the largest racially-based income disparity in the country, a feature which is largely a legacy of that past; and

**WHEREAS**, in June of 2023, New York made history by becoming the second state to pass legislation in both the Assembly and Senate which recommended the establishment of a reparations commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Beacon City Council urges New York State Governor Kathy Hochul to sign the “New York State Community Commission on Reparation Remedies” (S1163A/A7691) by December 31, 2023; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk of the City of Beacon is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Amendments					<input type="checkbox"/> 2/3 Required		
<input type="checkbox"/> Not on roll call.		<input type="checkbox"/> On roll call			<input type="checkbox"/> 3/4 Required		
Motion	Second	Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason	Absent
		<b>Paloma Wake</b>	x				
x		<b>Justice McCray</b>	x				
		<b>George Mansfield</b>	x				
		<b>Wren Longno</b>	x				
	x	<b>Molly Rhodes</b>	x				
		<b>Dan Aymar-Blair</b>	x				
		<b>Mayor Lee Kyriacou</b>	x				
		<b>Motion Carried</b>	x				