

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Central Brooklyn Jazz Consortium upon the occasion of hosting its 14th Annual Central Brooklyn Jazz Festival to be held March 29 through April 30, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those musical organizations that have brought entertainment and cultural enrichment to the citizens of the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Central Brooklyn Jazz Consortium upon the occasion of hosting its 14th Annual Central Brooklyn Jazz Festival to be held March 29 through April 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Central Brooklyn Jazz Consortium (CBJC) was founded in 1999; it is a combination of patrons, entertainment venues, faith based institutions, community organizations and musicians; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 13 years, CBJC has presented an annual spring festival, established a Brooklyn Jazz Hall of Fame & Museum and produced yearly programs that feature local jazz talent; CBJC is a nonprofit corporation committed to preserving, promoting and supporting live music within the underserved communities of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, The theme for this celebration is "Jazz Healing Force of The Universe"; and

WHEREAS, This music series is New York City's longest continuously running grassroots festival dedicated to jazz; accessible and open to all, this exhibition has more than 500 artists performing in 45 events at venues throughout Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, A healthy and vibrant arts community is of great importance to the people of Brooklyn, and especially so during these challenging economic times; and

WHEREAS, Brooklyn's grassroots celebration of an American original art form is led by the Central Brooklyn Jazz Consortium, who pay homage to the icons of Jazz who have called Brooklyn home, including Max Roach, Eubie Blake, Betty Carter, Cal Massey, Lena Horne, Herbie Mann, Cecil Payne, Freddie Hubbard, and others too numerous to mention, who also refined or made their musical sound popular while living in this culturally rich borough of New York City; and

WHEREAS, International and regionally recognized artists perform at entertainment venues, cultural, educational and faith based institutions during Jazz Appreciation Month; the Central Brooklyn Jazz Festival has grown from a nine day neighborhood event to a highly anticipated month long borough-wide music series; the backbone of this community-based jazz festival are the musicians and venues that keep Brooklyn's jazz scene vibrant along with stimulating its nightlife economy; and

WHEREAS, Some of the great performers the jazz community will enjoy during the Central Brooklyn Jazz Festival, include: Papo Vazquez, Sonny Fortune, Ahnee Sharon Freeman, Gerry Eastman, Lil Phillips, Eric Lemon, Marion Cowings, Greg Bandy, Marvin Horne, Stanley Banks, The New Cookers (Kenyatta Beasley, Keith Loftis, Anthony Wonsey, Dezron Douglas), Jeff King, Lezlie Harrison, Hamiet Buiett, T.C. III, Solomon Hicks, Kathy Farmer, Beareather Reddy, Ray Abrams Big Band, Arturo O'Farrill, Maurice Brown, Dwight 'Dr. Mambo' Brewster, Bertha Hope, Phillip Harper, Ted Daniel and IBMC, Napoleon Revels-Bey, Denroy Morgan, Bob Cunningham, Cynthia Holiday, Greg Lewis, and Wycliffe Gordon; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, the Central Brooklyn Jazz Consortium's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Central Brooklyn Jazz Consortium upon the occasion of host-

ing its 14th Annual Central Brooklyn Jazz Festival to be held March 29

through April 30, 2013, and to encourage New Yorkers to celebrate as part of New York Jazz Appreciation Month; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Central Brooklyn Jazz Consortium, and the Brooklyn Jazz Hall of Fame and Museum.