

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION expressing sincerest, heartfelt condolences to the Boston community in the wake of the devastating tragedy which took place during the 2013 Boston Marathon, and applauding all those who acted immediately and heroically in the face of danger

WHEREAS, Once again, the very principles of American freedom, and the safety and security of every American at home and abroad were challenged by the unspeakable atrocities committed in Massachusetts on Monday, April 15, 2013, during the 2013 Boston Marathon; and

WHEREAS, For all New Yorkers, the images of the Boston Marathon Tragedy rekindle heartbreaking memories of the 9/11 attacks on Lower Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, Although we are usually rivals on the sports field, with passionate and devoted fans engaged in competition and debate, when tragedy such as this occurs, we are one family, united in our unwavering beliefs in liberty and freedom, standing strong together in the face of despair; and

WHEREAS, The very heart and soul of America has once more been shaken to its core by a senseless and cowardly act of terrorism, causing appalling injuries and loss of life to more than 170 people who had gathered to participate in or cheer on loved ones during the running of the Boston Marathon, the world's oldest annual marathon; and

WHEREAS, The power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit were revealed in Boston as we learned of the immediate and heroic outpouring of service and concern the City experienced during its treasured Marathon and in its aftermath; and

WHEREAS, The spirit and compassionate heroism of America was evident in the actions of every individual who responded without hesitation or concern for their own welfare and safety in the face of a life-threatening situation; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of New York stand steadfast in their solidarity with the Boston community, all of whom were victimized by the events of April 15, 2013; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to express condolences to the Boston community in the wake of the devastating tragedy which took place during the 2013 Boston Marathon, and to extend to the people of Boston, the sincere best wishes and heartfelt prayers of all New Yorkers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Deval Patrick, Governor of the State of Massachusetts.