

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Kathleen Hoskins, Esq. upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Young Movement, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Kathleen Hoskins, Esq. upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Young Movement, Inc. on Saturday, March 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Young Movement is a 501c(3) member-supported action tank providing research, advocacy, and partnerships on socio-economic issues such as financial literacy and employment alternatives for young adults and professionals in New York; incorporated in October of 2011, this organization not only represents its members through research, advocacy, and forming partnerships, but ensures the positive results are long-standing while the unfavorable ones are non-recurrent for the next young generation; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Hoskins is the director of the Administration for Children's Services (ACS) Education Unit; her staff of attorneys and education advocates provides support for all the divisions within ACS, addressing the educational needs of children and youth the agency serves from birth through 21 years of age, consisting of consultations, trainings, advocacy and policy development; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Hoskins's expertise in both child welfare and education are a result of her professional experience in both realms; at the start of her legal career, she was a prosecutorial attorney for the Administration for Children's Services in Queens Family Court; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Hoskins then transitioned to the New York City Department of Education (DOE) as a special education attorney, where she defended parent-initiated special education impartial hearings; she later became senior field counsel for the DOE, where she provided legal advice for principals, network staff, and school administrators for 125 schools including D75 special education schools, before returning to ACS in her current position; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Hoskins also has a personal commitment to ensuring that youth achieve their academic goals, as her personal life is a testament to how education can be a roadway to success; as a former foster youth and teenage single parent, she struggled but was able to achieve success academically through hard work and use of community networks; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Hoskins is hopeful that her perseverance can become an inspiration to all youth that face personal roadblocks and can be seen as encouragement for youth to continue to strive to achieve their own personal goals; she holds a J.D. from St. John's University School of Law, an M.P.A. from the City University of New York Baruch College, and a B.A. from the State University of New York at Stonybrook; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her son, Malachi, who feels privileged to be a part of her life and rejoices in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Kathleen Hoskins'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 honor Kathleen Hoskins, Esq. upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Young Movement, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kathleen Hoskins, Esq.