

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA for its successful 2nd Annual Muslims for Life Blood Drive, held August 11, 2012 to September 11, 2012

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those organizations of true purpose and worthy accomplishment which foster a spirit of community and service and, simultaneously, work diligently to preserve their rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, It is, furthermore, the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to organizations and its members within the great State of New York who serve as role models and have made strong contributions to their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA for its successful 2nd Annual Muslims for Life Blood Drive, held August 11, 2012 to September 11, 2012; and

WHEREAS, The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, established in 1920, is among the oldest American-Muslim organizations, and has chapters throughout this great Empire State; dedicated to promoting the true teachings of Islam and sharing a message of peace and tolerance, it is part of the international Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, which spans over 200 countries, and has a membership exceeding tens of millions; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA launched its first Muslims for Life Campaign, a nationwide effort to collect 10,000 units of blood in the month of September 2011 in order to honor the victims of 9/11 on its 10th anniversary, while also illustrating that Islam is a life-giving faith that teaches that all life is sacred; the campaign surpassed its goal, collecting a total of 11,803 pints of blood; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA renewed its memorial to the victims of 9/11, as well as its emphasis on Islam's essential teaching regarding the sanctity of life, by organizing the second annual Muslims for Life Blood Drive between August 11, 2012 and September 11, 2012; nationwide, approximately 376 one-day blood drives took place at more than 200 locations, collecting 11,170 pints of blood; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA for its successful 2nd Annual Muslims for Life Blood Drive; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA.