

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Beverly Johnson upon the occasion of being honored in conjunction with Women's History Month 2014 in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those women of achievement within the Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who inspire others through their model citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Beverly Johnson upon the occasion of being honored in conjunction with Women's History Month 2014 in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made invaluable contributions to the growth and strength of New York State in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the State of New York officially sets aside time to recognize the achievements and lives of such exemplary women, representatives of the wide-ranging and vital roles women have played in the historic development of this great Empire State and its communities; the theme of this year's commemoration is "Celebrating Women of Character, Courage, and Commitment"; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Johnson is a program developer and consultant in the realm of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM); throughout her illustrious and varied career, she has consistently epitomized the values of character, courage, and commitment in her unwavering service to her peers, colleagues, and fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Johnson is the Vice President of Educational Programs for Demharp Consulting Group, where she specializes in the development of academic programs for young people in grades 3 - 12, as well as the development of training programs for adults in service industries; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Johnson is deeply committed to education and the development of human potential, particularly within urban communities; she is the former Executive Director of the Magnolia Tree Earth Center of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Inc., a Brooklyn, New York, non-profit dedicated to environmental sustainability, STEM and green education, and youth and community development; and

WHEREAS, For 27 years Beverly Johnson was a productive and highly effective higher education leader, serving Polytechnic Institute of New York University (NYU-Poly) in several capacities; she was Associate Dean of Undergraduate Admissions, Director of International Student Recruitment, Assistant Dean of University Admissions, and Executive Director of NYU-Poly's Promise Fund Board's Center for Youth in Engineering and Science; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Johnson's exceptional skills in administration, collaboration, and program development, as well as her passion for exploration, and her extraordinary ability to communicate with people from a wide range of backgrounds and identities, have earned her the respect and admiration of her peers, colleagues, and community; she has received numerous accolades and awards for her work, including: the Kings County District Attorney Extraordinary Women Award; the National Black Caucus Technology to Empower Community Leadership Award; the Citigroup "I Make A Difference" Award; the American Association of Blacks in Energy Service Award; the National Society of Black Engineers Golden Torch Award for outstanding pre-college program; the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Award for MTEC programs; and a Certificate of Appreciation from the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her service to her community, the State of New York, and the nation, Beverly Johnson has stood

constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Beverly Johnson and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals 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 commend Beverly Johnson upon the occasion of being honored in conjunction with Women's History Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Beverly Johnson.