LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 18th Anniversary of the Jamaica Arts and Music Summer Festival to be held August 1-2, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 18th Anniversary of the Jamaica Arts and Music Summer Festival to be held August 1-2, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Created in 1996, the Jamaica Arts and Music Summer (JAMS) Festival is coordinated each year by the JAMS Festival Planning Committee, a partnership of Queens' cultural organizations, businesses, and community residents who wish to celebrate the vitality and diversity of Jamaica and the Borough; and

WHEREAS, The JAMS Festival, which highlights the multicultural fabric of the Borough of Queens and provides a vehicle for tourism and economic development, attracts over 185,000 residents and visitors to downtown Jamaica; and

WHEREAS, This enjoyable event is a diverse historically significant venue for culture, commerce and living; a true asset to society, the JAMS Festival provides family entertainment and essential resources for the community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 18th Anniversary of the Jamaica Arts and Music Summer Festival to be held August 1-2, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Jamaica Arts and Music Summer Festival Planning Committee.