

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Queens Council on the Arts

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize organizations which serve the needs of the community and its citizens, enriching lives through arts and culture; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Queens Council on the Arts to be celebrated on May 26, 2016, in Long Island City, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1966, the Queens Council on the Arts was founded by Jeanne Dale Katz with the assistance of visionary arts organizations such as the Queens Symphony Orchestra, the Queens Opera Association, the Queens Borough Public Library, the Oratorio Society, Queensborough Community College, and Saint John's University; and

WHEREAS, The Queens Council of the Arts has enriched a wide range of cultural growth and development of the arts in Queens, directly supporting diverse individual artists and organizations by providing grants, professional development and education services; and

WHEREAS, Free concerts in the park were the first program created by the organization in furthering their mission; and

WHEREAS, The Queens Museum, the Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning, and The Colden Center were assisted in their development by the Queens Council on the Arts; and

WHEREAS, Artists benefit from programs designed to foster the creative process such as "Lab", as well as workshops designed to enrich organizational skills such as grant writing, fundraising, and audience development; and

WHEREAS, The Queens Council on the Arts serves Queens residents of all ages; more than one million school children have participated in education programs, as well as the elderly at senior centers; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those organizations which enhance the well-being and diverse cultures of their communities deserve 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 50th Anniversary of the Queens Council on the Arts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Hoong Yee Lee Krakauer, Executive Director, the Queens Council on the Arts.