

**BY:** Senator ADDABBO

**HONORING** the Queens Economic Development Corporation upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and celebrate those exceptional organizations in the Empire State that work with skill and diligence each day to provide economic opportunities and assistance to individuals and businesses in New York; and

**WHEREAS,** The Queens Economic Development Corporation is one such extraordinary organization that has contributed in innumerable ways to revitalizing the Borough of Queens through programming that improves neighborhoods, creates jobs, assists entrepreneurs and small businesses, and promotes tourism and business development; and

**WHEREAS,** The Queens Economic Development Corporation, which was founded in 1977 to create and retain jobs in the area, is celebrating its 40th Anniversary of service to the people and business community of Queens on May 2, 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** The Queens Economic Development Corporation is a non-profit group governed by a Board of Directors which represents the many community and business sectors of the Borough, and is funded by the New York City Department of Small Business Services, the New York State Department of Economic Development, the federal Small Business Administration, local elected officials, and the private sector; and

**WHEREAS,** Over the course of its four decades, the Queens Economic Development Corporation has worked successfully and cooperatively with scores of neighborhoods to revitalize their commercial areas by creating business organizations and establishing business improvement districts; and

**WHEREAS,** The Queens Economic Development Corporation is a focal point and beacon of economic assistance and expertise in a Borough that is home to more than 2.3 million people from all over the globe in more than 90 distinct neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS,** The Queens Economic Development Corporation, which has assisted more than 10,000 clients over its 40 years, places an emphasis on providing aid to low- and moderate-income populations, women, immigrants, and minorities throughout Queens; and

**WHEREAS,** The Queens Economic Development Corporation operates a variety of innovative business assistance programs, including the Entrepreneur Space Kitchen Incubator, and is also home to the Queens Tourism Council; and

**WHEREAS,** Whether the leaders and staff of the Queens Economic Development Corporation are helping local individuals and businesses

with MWBE certification, promotional events, counseling services, pro-bono legal aid, or neighborhood revitalization, this organization is

a vital and integral partner in the economic and community life of the Borough of Queens; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize and congratulate the Queens Economic Development Corporation upon the occasion of celebrating the 40th Anniversary of its founding as a welcome economic engine for the Borough, its businesses and its residents; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Queens Economic Development Corporation.