

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMEMORATING Brooklyn, New York's, 4th Annual
International Day of Friendship on August 6, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate Brooklyn, New York's, 4th Annual International Day of Friendship on Sunday, August 6, 2017 at Brooklyn Borough Hall and Columbus Park in Downtown Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Brooklyn Borough President, Eric L. Adams, has diligently worked to build One Brooklyn by bridging gaps between cultures and forging bonds of friendship which connect people in every community throughout the world, while promoting worldwide peace and unity in Brooklyn and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Brooklyn's International Day of Friendship will feature a colorful Unity Parade of Flags consisting of young people and delegates carrying their countries' flags, a showcase of traditional attire, cultural performances, international cuisine and much more; and

WHEREAS, People from each country will then stand and hold hands, with youth from all neighborhoods across Brooklyn forming a human chain around Brooklyn Borough Hall; as parade marchers stand with their country's Delegate there will be a ceremonial handing off of the flag to show the significance of bridging the gap in generations and throughout the world's people; and

WHEREAS, Culture is a cornerstone of national identity and pride; International Day of Friendship will highlight performances specific to continental regions to expose Brooklynites to the rich diversity found in their backyard; and

WHEREAS, Various organizations will have the opportunity to highlight their countries' culture through reading, dances or music; and

WHEREAS, In addition, people can go to the Global Village and sample delicious food from around the world; 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 Brooklyn, New York's, 4th Annual International Day of Friendship on August 6, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eric L. Adams, President, Brooklyn Borough.