

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Capital Area Against Mass Incarceration upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Organization of the Year Award by In Our Own Voices, Inc. on July 16, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Capital Area Against Mass Incarceration upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Organization of the Year Award by In Our Own Voices, Inc., to be celebrated at its Annual Jazz in July event on Sunday, July 16, 2017, at the Renaissance Hotel, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, In Our Own Voices, Inc. works for and ensures the physical, mental, spiritual, political, cultural and economic survival and growth of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people of color communities; and

WHEREAS, Capital Area Against Mass Incarceration seeks to challenge and dismantle mass incarceration and the systems of oppression which sustain it through coordinated actions and by opening dialogue about mass incarceration and the criminal injustice system in a way that is empowering to all individuals and communities affected by them; and

WHEREAS, The process of dismantling mass incarceration can begin only by bringing people together to share ideas, spread awareness and take action; Capital Area Against Mass Incarceration seeks to do that while building a strong and proactive local movement; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Capital Area Against Mass Incarceration upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Organization of the Year Award by In Our Own Voices, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Capital Area Against Mass Incarceration.