

**BY:** Senator PERALTA

**COMMEMORATING** the 2018 FIFA World Cup

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those events which bring the world together and foster national pride; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to this concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the playing of the 21st FIFA World Cup in the Russian Federation; and

**WHEREAS,** The quadrennial FIFA World Cup is an event that draws hundreds of millions of viewers from across the globe, including over three billion viewers during the cup final, and inspires nations to join together in common interest; and

**WHEREAS,** The Russian Federation will play host to the 2018 World Cup, which will be played between the 14th of June and the 15th of July, 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** Thirty-two nations from all six inhabited continents will be represented and vying for the title of World Champions; and

**WHEREAS,** Those thirty-two qualifying nations include the Russian Federation, Brazil, Iran, Japan, Mexico, Belgium, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Germany, England, Spain, Nigeria, Costa Rica, Poland, Egypt, Iceland, Serbia, Portugal, France, Uruguay, Argentina, Colombia, Panama, Senegal, Morocco, Tunisia, Switzerland, Croatia, Sweden, Denmark, Australia, and Peru; and

**WHEREAS,** The popularity of world football in the United States and New York has continued to grow at a rapid pace amongst all generations but especially among our youth; and

**WHEREAS,** In keeping with New York's status as a true national and cultural melting pot, the 2018 World Cup is of special and abiding interest to our diverse population; and

**WHEREAS,** There is no more fitting a place than New York to experience the passion and pride that only the world's game can stir in the hearts of fans and non-fans alike; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 2018 FIFA World Cup.