

BY: Senator PARKER

CONGRATULATING Team Jamaica Bickle upon the occasion of hosting a Launch Reception for the Penn Relays of 2022

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations of the State of New York whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Team Jamaica Bickle, in conjunction with Co-host Jamaican Consul General of New York, The Honorable Alsion Wilson, OD, upon the occasion of hosting a Launch Reception for the Penn Relays of 2022 on Friday, April 1, 2022, in New York City; and

WHEREAS, The Penn Relays is the longest uninterrupted collegiate track meet athletic event in the United States and is the largest track meet, outside of the Olympics, attracting over 22,000 athletes primarily from the northeast United States and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, A not-for-profit organization based in New York State, Team Jamaica Bickle has played an active role in the development and care of the athletes through its Hospitality Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of its founder and CEO Irwine G. Clare, Sr., OD, Team Jamaica Bickle truly embodies its motto, Our Athletes, Our Ambassadors; its services extend to a delegation of approximately 650 students and coaches from Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada and Guyana; and

WHEREAS, The success of Team Jamaica Bickle is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated volunteers and sponsors, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and 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 congratulate Team Jamaica Bickle upon the occasion of hosting a Launch Reception for the Penn Relays of 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Irwine G. Clare, Sr., OD, Founder and CEO, Team Jamaica

Bickle.