

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING the Brooklyn Museum upon the occasion of hosting its Brooklyn Artists Ball on April 12, 2022

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to those cultural institutions and organizations whose commitment to promoting the richness and diversity of the arts and entertainment world has contributed to the strength, vitality, and cultural enrichment of their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Brooklyn Museum upon the occasion of hosting its Brooklyn Artists Ball on Tuesday, April 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, During this auspicious occasion, Maria Grazia Chiuri, Creative Director of Dior Women's Collections; Saundra Williams-Cornwell and W. Don Cornwell will be honored for their steadfast and unrelenting commitment to the Museum; and

WHEREAS, Founded in the late 1800s, the Brooklyn Museum stands on land that is part of the unceded, ancestral homeland of the Lenape (Delaware) people; as a sign of respect, we recognize and honor the Lenape (Delaware) Nations, their elders past and present, and future generations; it is committed to addressing exclusions and erasures of Indigenous peoples, and confronting the ongoing legacies of settler colonialism in its work; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Museum is New York City's third largest in physical size and holds an art collection with approximately 500,000 objects, including Egyptian antiquities; European, African, Oceanic, Japanese, and American art beginning in the Colonial period; and

WHEREAS, The Museum also features the Steinberg Family Sculpture Garden, which highlights salvaged architectural elements from throughout New York City; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Brooklyn Museum has remained true to its mission of creating inspiring encounters with art that expand the ways we see ourselves, the world, and its possibilities through inspirational exhibitions, programs, and educational offerings; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of Director Anne Pasternak, the expert staff of the Brooklyn Museum, are and always have been characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence, and accordingly merit the commendation of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, The arts are the building blocks of civilization; they are

central to human expression; they enlighten us and inspire the imagination; educational institutions, individuals, and organizations which further such worthy purposes richly merit the recognition and appreciation of this Legislative Body and the people of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Brooklyn Museum upon the occasion of hosting its Brooklyn Artists Ball on April 12, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anne Pasternak, Director, Brooklyn Museum.