

BY: Senator GOUNARDES

COMMEMORATING the 40th Anniversary of NIA
Community Services Network

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 commemorate the 40th Anniversary of NIA Community Services Network; and

WHEREAS, A not-for-profit community service organization dedicated to addressing issues that impact youth, families, and seniors, NIA Community Services Network was founded on May 26, 1981, out of a desire to preserve and renew the neighborhoods surrounding the St. Rosalia-Regina Pacis Church in Brooklyn, New York, through neighborhood revitalization projects and food distributions; and

WHEREAS, NIA Community Services Network is steadfastly committed to its mission to strengthen and empower children, families, and communities through after school programs, wellness checks, community classes, family art activities, family literacy events and other vital human services; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its distinguished history, which has traversed four decades, NIA Community Services Network remains true to its mission which is evidenced through its vital work that directly supports and enriches the lives of countless individuals and families each and every day; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, NIA has developed important partnerships and programs which are designed to help improve the quality of life for all youth, families, and seniors; and

WHEREAS, Each year, this extraordinary organization serves over 10,000 children and their families in dozens of neighborhoods across New York City, through after school programs, two Beacon Community Centers, summer day camps, cultural arts programming, youth and family counseling services, parent education workshops, community assistance and events and referral services; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, the NIA serves thousands of senior citizens through its senior picnics, senior proms, health and nutrition initiatives, and support programs; and

WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, NIA Community Services Network assisted countless community members in need through free assistance with healthcare, SNAP, senior support, unemployment, Meals on Wheels, price gouging, Home Health Aides, and personal health, as well

as after school programs to help supplement for lost hours of learning and provide social-emotional support to students; and

WHEREAS, The success of NIA Community Services Network is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated staff and volunteers, 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, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to NIA Community Services Network; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 extend congratulations and just tribute to NIA Community Services Network, commemorating its 40th Anniversary of service and care to its community and throughout New York City; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to NIA Community Services Network.