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COMMEMORATING the Bicentennial Stated Meeting of
the Medical Society of the County of Kings on May
25, 2022

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend and recognize those vital organizations within the medical community for their extraordinary and sustained contributions to the progress of medicine and the improvement of life; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the Bicentennial Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of Kings on May 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Kings County Medical Society is the oldest scientific organization in Brooklyn and the largest delegation to the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY); and

WHEREAS, The purpose of this day is to sustain the legacy and rich history of those who paved the way for generations, through medical and scientific contributions that support New York City patients; and

WHEREAS, In 1806, the New York State Legislature passed "An Act to Incorporate Medical Societies for the Purpose of Regulating Physic and Surgery in the State"; and

WHEREAS, On March 2, 1822, the Kings County Medical Society held their first meeting with their President-Cornelius Low, Vice President-Matthew Wendell, Secretary-Adrian Vanderveer, Treasurer-John Carpenter, Censors-Charles Ball, Joseph G.T. Hunt and Thomas W. Henry, and Delegate to the State Medical Society-Matthew Wendell; and

WHEREAS, There have been many individual accomplishments and contributions toward the betterment of medical practices such as Abraham Jacobi, M.D., L.L.D. being the pioneer in diseases of children in the United States and James Marion Sims also known as the "father of gynecology"; and

WHEREAS, The medical library of the Kings County Medical Society was formed in 1844 and by the early 20th Century, the Kings County Medical Society had the 5th largest medical library in the country, including a rare book section; and

WHEREAS, In 1900, the Kings County Medical Society opened its grand new colonial revival building at 1313 Bedford Avenue until 1996 where numerous scientific conferences were held, and where local, national and international leaders in the field presented original scientific works; and

WHEREAS, To then mark the 100th Anniversary of the Kings County

Medical Society, they developed a Clinical Committee to establish the continuous medical education for every practitioner in the county; and

WHEREAS, In 1961, the Medical Library Association of Brooklyn was chartered by the University of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, In 2022, the Medical Society of the County of Kings celebrates 200 years of physician representation and community service in Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 commemorate the Bicentennial Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of Kings on May 25, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Medical Society of the County of Kings.