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COMMEMORATING the 2022 celebration of Fleet Week New York, May 25-31, 2022, and commending the patriotic volunteers who assist and the sailors, marines, coast guardsmen and members of the British Royal Navy who are participating in the event

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services who have served so faithfully and courageously in wars in which our Nation's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace during peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 2022 celebration of Fleet Week New York (FWNY), to be held May 25-31, 2022, and to commend the patriotic volunteers who assist and the sailors, marines, coast guardsmen and members of the British Royal Navy who participate in this event; and

WHEREAS, The FWNY is the city's time-honored celebration of the sea services; and

WHEREAS, Fleet Week is a United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, and United States Coast Guard tradition in which active military ships recently deployed in overseas operations dock in a variety of major cities for one week; and

WHEREAS, FWNY will return to the city this May for the first time since 2019; and

WHEREAS, FWNY, held in New York City nearly every year since 1984, was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and was held entirely virtually on social media; and

WHEREAS, The Commander Navy Region Mid-Atlantic (CNRMA) is the lead planning organization for FWNY this year; CNRMA is the regional coordinator for all shore-based naval personnel and shore activities in the Mid-Atlantic region, which encompasses 20 states, 14 installations, and 50 Naval Operational Support Centers; and

WHEREAS, It is anticipated that nearly 3,000 Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and members of the British Royal Navy will be participating; and

WHEREAS, This event occurs in several locations throughout New York City including the Manhattan Pier 88 South; Manhattan Pier 90 North; Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum; Manhattan Pier 86; Homeport Pier in Staten Island; Miller Field in Staten Island; Fort Hamilton; South Street Seaport; Washington Square Park; Times Square; and the Brooklyn Cruise Terminal located in the Red Hook community; and

WHEREAS, Three U.S. Navy ships, two U.S. Coast Guard vessels, four U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) Yard Patrol boats (VPs), and one United Kingdom vessel will participate during the 2022 Fleet Week New York (FWNY); and

WHEREAS, The following ships are scheduled to participate in this event including but not be limited to the USS Bataan (LHD-5), an amphibious assault ship from Norfolk, Virginia; the USS Thomas Hudner (DDG 116) an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer from Mayport, Florida; the HMS Protector (A173) from the United Kingdom and several Yard Patrol boats from the U.S. Naval Academy; and

WHEREAS, Fleet Week has served as a way for the residents of New York City and the tri-state area to meet members of the service and to observe the latest capabilities of today's military; and

WHEREAS, The dedication and sacrifices of our military personnel ensure our continued role as a Nation that embodies the ideals of democracy and is a defender of liberty for peoples throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Fleet Week New York 2022 provides an opportunity for all New Yorkers to express gratitude to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces for their tremendous sacrifices made for our Nation and for the benefit of all Americans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberation to commemorate the 2022 celebration of Fleet Week New York, May 25-31, 2022, and to commend the patriotic volunteers who assist and the sailors, marines, coast guardsmen and members of the British Royal Navy who are participating in the event; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New York Council Navy League.