

BY: Senator MYRIE

COMMEMORATING the 25th Anniversary of the Brooklyn Museum's First Saturdays program

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Brooklyn Museum's First Saturdays program; and

WHEREAS, For twenty-five years, the Brooklyn Museum has hosted the First Saturdays program, which are monthly evenings of free programming, welcoming visitors from central Brooklyn and beyond; and

WHEREAS, This year's event schedule includes a variety of cultural, educational, and social programming, including Women's History Month/Gender Justice, National Poetry Month and the Fiftieth Anniversary of Hip-Hop, Celebrating Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage, Pride, Africa Fashion, Caribbean Heritage, Latinx Heritage; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Argentina Zelaya, the Director of Public Programs at the Brooklyn Museum, called First Saturdays a love letter to Brooklyn, noting that the events amplify the creative excellence of the borough and have welcomed an astounding approximate 1.5 million visitors over the past 25 years; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 25th Anniversary of the Brooklyn Museum's First Saturdays program; and be it further

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