

BY: Senator MYRIE

COMMEMORATING the 25th Anniversary of the Center
for Justice Innovation

WHEREAS, In the course of the evolving development of this Empire State, if the ingredients of shared concern and responsive endeavor combine in the commitment to society, there have emerged among the distinguished citizens of the State of New York certain organizations which warrant special recognition; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 25th Anniversary of the Center for Justice Innovation to be celebrated at an event on Wednesday, May 17, 2023; and

WHEREAS, During this auspicious occasion, 25 changemakers, the connectors, thinkers, and doers at the Center for Court Innovation, will be honored for their tireless efforts in transforming justice; their valuable work involves collaboration among their three main focuses, research and evaluation, direct-service programming, and training and expert assistance; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1998, the Center for Justice Innovation, formerly Center for Court Innovation, remains true to its mission of creating a more effective and humane criminal justice system by performing original research and helping launch reforms around the world; and

WHEREAS, This vital nonprofit touches on all stages of the justice system, from arrest through reintegration into the community, and strives to reduce the need for justice system involvement in the first place; and

WHEREAS, The Center's primary long-term goal is to identify and resolve as early as possible the challenges that bring people into the criminal and civil legal systems, by investing resources in underserved communities, problem-solving side-by-side with populations affected by crime, and building programs that respond to offending and increase safety without imposing lasting harm on individuals or communities; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Justice Innovation is truly committed to treating each and every individual as a unique person who is worthy of dignity and respect, and is actively working with tens of thousands of community members, leaders, and systems actors across the United States to co-create new approaches that reduce reliance on the legal system and build thriving neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, The success of Center for Justice Innovation is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated staff, 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, It is the sense 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 commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Center for Justice Innovation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Center for Justice Innovation.