

BY: Senator SCARCELLA-SPANTON

COMMENDING the Pride Center of Staten Island upon
the occasion of hosting its Pridefest Festival on
May 27, 2023

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes the profound impact of those exemplary organizations within the great State of New York which proactively work for the enfranchisement of minority communities, and the importance of such work for the benefit of all citizens of this State, and indeed, all citizens of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Pride Center of Staten Island upon the occasion of hosting its Pridefest Festival on May 27, 2023, at Staten Island University Hospital Community Park, in conjunction with the observance of Pride Month; and

WHEREAS, The Pride Center of Staten Island enhances and sustains the well-being of the LGBTQIA+ and allied communities by providing programs and services which cultivate community; advocate for LGBTQIA+ interests; educate and empower, and provide social support; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization envisions a Staten Island where LGBTQIA+ people and families are empowered to achieve their fullest potential, where people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, races, ethnicities, and abilities are valued and feel a sense of belonging, and where allies support identities and interests outside their own; and

WHEREAS, The Pride Center's work is driven by the needs, wants, and interests of the LGBTQIA+ community; while social stigma has isolated and silenced LGBTQIA+ people, the Pride Center of Staten Island believes that together, we can imagine and create a better future for all Staten Islanders; and

WHEREAS, The Pride Center of Staten Island strives to create a brave space where people respect one another, acknowledge the difference between intention and impact, and make space for diversity of thought; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Center promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion of all people from all races and ethnicities, people with disabilities, and people of faith; and

WHEREAS, The Pride Center of Staten Island also recognizes allies as powerful voices that can help advance LGBTQIA+ interests; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Pride Center of Staten Island is in direct correlation to the efforts of its Executive Director, Carol Bullock, as well as 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, Our society is greatly benefited by the purposeful efforts of those organizations and individuals which unite for the cause of improving the quality of life for others, and proactively work toward the goal of dignity for all; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations and events 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 commend the Pride Center of Staten Island upon the occasion of hosting its Pridefest Festival on May 27, 2023, in conjunction with the observance of Pride Month; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carol Bullock, Executive Director of the Pride Center of Staten Island.