

BY: Senator RHOADS

CELEBRATING the playing of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup at Nassau County International Cricket Stadium at Eisenhower Park in East Meadow, New York, from June 3-12, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate those sporting events of historical significance which add strength, vigor, and inspiration to the quality of life in the communities of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to celebrate the playing of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup at Nassau County International Cricket Stadium at Eisenhower Park in East Meadow, New York, from June 3-12, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Hosted by the International Cricket Council, the T20 World Cup is a biennial Twenty20 International cricket tournament between men's national teams that started in 2007; this year marks the 9th edition of the playing of the World Cup, scheduled to be co-hosted by the West Indies and the United States from June 1 to June 29, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The 20 qualifying teams will be divided into four groups of five teams and the top two teams in each group will advance to the Super 8 round; in this stage, the qualifying teams will be split into two groups of four, with the top two teams from each group qualifying for the knockout stage; the knockout stage will consist of two semi-finals in Guyana and a final in Barbados; and

WHEREAS, The 2024 World Cup is the first time the United States will be hosting and participating in Cricket World Cup games; New York State will host world cup matches alongside Florida and Texas in the United States, as well as, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Guyana, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago, internationally; and

WHEREAS, Eight of the Men's T20 World Cup matches will be held in Nassau County, including two of the most anticipated matches between rivals India vs Pakistan and the debut of team USA vs India; serving as the venue, the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium was built in only three months and is the first modular cricket stadium in the world, seating 34,000 fans; and

WHEREAS, Cricket has usually been considered a niche, international sport, with its most loyal fanbases coming from the diaspora of regions, particularly South Asia, where the sport is mainstream; the New York Metropolitan area being chosen for this opportunity highlights that the area is home to the largest metropolitan Indian population outside of Asia; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the Nassau County hamlet of Hicksville, as being a growing hub of the Indian American Community, Nassau County will receive an estimated \$2.7 million in direct revenue from the tournament;

this historic tournament will leave Eisenhower Park with a legacy of permanent improvements to host large cricket tournaments henceforth; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those sporting events which enhance the well-being and vitality of its community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the playing of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup at Nassau County International Cricket Stadium at Eisenhower Park in East Meadow, New York, from June 3-12, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the USA Cricket Board of Directors and the Nassau County Executive.