

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Fleurimond Catering upon the occasion of hosting its 20th Annual Emerald Masquerade Ball on April 22, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Fleurimond Catering upon the occasion of hosting its 20th Annual Emerald Masquerade Ball on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at the Times Center in New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, Fleurimond Catering specializes in providing the most elegant catering and event planning services in New York City and the Northeast; its cuisine selections include American, French, Italian, Caribbean, and Latin; and

WHEREAS, A full-service catering company, Fleurimond Catering provides event coordination, and decor and event planning services; they also host many cooking parties throughout New York City, educating individuals how to cook their delicious dishes; and

WHEREAS, Through their catering services, Fleurimond Catering offers the ability to travel the world via an eclectic sample of delicious food offerings; its elegant and professional event planning services provide a caring and talented staff who will treat any event, large or small, as the event that is most important to them; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of owner Nadege Fleurimond, utilizing her Haitian culinary background, Fleurimond Catering pulls in flavors from Asia, Latin America, and Europe in all of their dishes; she has catered for several celebrities and venues including Anheuser Busch, Paul Weiss, New York City Hall, BET, The Colbert Report, Dr. Mehmet Oz, and Vivica Fox, just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, An author and successful entrepreneur, Nadege Fleurimond's is the author of **Haiti Uncovered** and **Taste of Solitude**, cookbooks highlighting the food of Haiti; and

WHEREAS, In addition to Fleurimond Catering, Nadege Fleurimond is the owner of BunNan, a restaurant in Brooklyn, New York, which highlights Haitian and Caribbean inspired plantain dishes; and

WHEREAS, Nadege Fleurimond has been featured on HBO's "The Big Brunch", **Conde Nast Travel**, **Epicurious**, **Ebony Magazine**, **Food & Wine** and many other publications; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to applaud and support the entrepreneurs of small businesses such as Nadege Fleurimond whose dedication and accomplishments contribute to the economic health and vitality of the communities they serve in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Fleurimond Catering upon the occasion of hosting its 20th Annual Emerald Masquerade Ball on April 22, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nadege Fleurimond, Owner, Fleurimond Catering.