

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING the West Indian American Day Carnival Association upon the occasion of hosting its 2025 Labor Day Carnival Festivals, to be held August 28-September 1, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend cultural celebrations that enrich our communities, strengthen unity, and honor the heritage of New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long standing traditions, this Legislative Body is proud to commend the West Indian American Day Carnival Association (WIADCA) upon the occasion of hosting its 2025 Labor Day Carnival Festivals, held across Labor Day Weekend, August 28 through September 1, 2025, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, For nearly a century, the West Indian Day Carnival has grown into North America's largest Caribbean cultural celebration-welcoming between one and three million participants to its vibrant parade of music, masquerade, and community pride along Eastern Parkway; and

WHEREAS, The 2025 festival will feature colorful costumes, electrifying soca, calypso, reggae, and steelpan performances, delicious Caribbean cuisine, and vibrant cultural expression-reflecting the spirit, heritage, and unity of the West Indian diaspora; and

WHEREAS, Beyond revelry, the Carnival has become a significant force for education, arts, and community uplift through WIADCA's ongoing programming-including youth development, scholarships, health initiatives, and scholarships-cementing its impact year-round; and

WHEREAS, The Annual Labor Day Carnival Festivals honor the contributions of Caribbean immigrants to New York's cultural tapestry and support local businesses and arts, while fostering a sense of belonging and pride across communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the West Indian American Day Carnival Association and all participants, organizers, volunteers, and bands who bring the 2025 Labor Day Carnival Festivals to life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the West Indian American Day Carnival Association as an expression of highest regard and appreciation.