

Senate Resolution No. 1660

**BY:** Senator PARKER

**COMMENDING** Making the Impossible Possible, Inc.  
Upon the Occasion of Hosting its Youth Summit 2026,  
on March 20, 2026

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those distinguished organizations whose dedication to youth empowerment, educational advancement, and community uplift strengthens the future of our State, Nation, and global society; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Making the Impossible Possible, Inc. (MIPO, Inc.) upon the occasion of hosting its Youth Summit 2026, to be held on Friday, March 20, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** MIPO, Inc. is a nonprofit organization committed to promoting the quality of life of immigrant youth and their families residing throughout the New York metropolitan area through transformative programming, educational initiatives, and leadership development opportunities; and

**WHEREAS,** Through a diverse range of initiatives such as youth summits, scholarship awards for graduating high school seniors, and international educational partnerships, MIPO, Inc. works diligently to ensure that young people are equipped with the tools necessary to thrive academically, professionally, and civically; and

**WHEREAS,** The organization's impact extends beyond domestic borders through its meaningful support of schools in Haiti, where it implements both short- and long-term projects and provides professional development training for educators, fostering improved teaching practices and enhanced student achievement; and

**WHEREAS,** Through its intensive Teacher Leaders training model, MIPO, Inc. empowers educators to utilize research-based methodologies, multiplying the organization's impact by equipping trained leaders to mentor and develop fellow educators within their institutions; and

**WHEREAS,** The Youth Summit 2026 serves as a dynamic platform for young people to engage in workshops, leadership forums, mentorship opportunities, and collaborative dialogue designed to inspire innovation, cultivate confidence, and prepare participants to meet the challenges of an evolving global landscape; and

**WHEREAS,** The vision and success of Making the Impossible Possible, Inc. is guided by the exceptional leadership of its Founder and President, Felina Backer, whose passion for youth development and immigrant empowerment has been the driving force behind the organization's growth and impact; and

**WHEREAS,** Supporting this mission is Sandra Bataille Nelson, Co-Founder and Program Director, whose dedication to educational excellence and programmatic development has helped shape MIPO, Inc.'s initiatives and expand its reach among students, families, and educators; and

**WHEREAS,** Together, the leadership, staff, educators, and volunteers of MIPO, Inc. exemplify the transformative power of service, mentorship, and cross-cultural collaboration; and

**WHEREAS,** It is fitting and proper that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize the significance of this important summit and to applaud the organization's unwavering commitment to empowering youth and strengthening communities both locally and abroad; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Making the Impossible Possible, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Youth Summit 2026, on March 20, 2026, and to extend sincere appreciation to its leadership, members, partners, and supporters for their enduring dedication to youth leadership and educational advancement; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Making the Impossible Possible, Inc. in recognition of this distinguished occasion.