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HONORING Casting Society upon the occasion of hosting its inaugural Black in Casting: Black History Month Potluck Brunch on February 28, 2026

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to those cultural institutions and organizations whose commitment to promoting the richness and diversity of the arts and entertainment have contributed to the strength, vitality, and cultural enrichment of their communities and the great 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 honor Casting Society upon the occasion of hosting its inaugural Black in Casting: Black History Month Potluck Brunch on Saturday, February 28, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Casting Society is a global organization of casting professionals dedicated to upholding the highest standards of casting within the entertainment industry; it is committed to furthering education, providing resources and career development for its members, mentoring the next generation, cultivating community, and advocating for empathy, equity, and inclusivity throughout the creative process; and

WHEREAS, Casting Society's inaugural Black History Month Potluck Brunch aims to recognize Black casting directors and casting professionals and their substantial impacts and contributions, as well as celebrate Black culture and honor the accomplishments of those shaping global media across television, film, streaming, theater, and advertising; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion hosted by Asjai Lou, the esteemed founder of Black in Casting, will pay special honor to Adrian Wells and Sujotta Pace, casting directors who have made remarkable contributions to their fields; and

WHEREAS, This inaugural event will feature diverse cuisines celebrating heritage, recognitions of industry impact and accomplishments, professional photography and video documentation, individual portrait sessions, a celebrity makeup artist, a historic inaugural group photo, and a commemorative yearbook; and

WHEREAS, The arts are the building blocks of civilization; they are central to human expression and inspire the imagination; those individuals and organizations which further such worthy purposes richly merit the recognition and appreciation of this Legislative Body and the people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional organization, its numerous important contributions, and its vibrant role in improving the quality of life in

its community, 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 honor Casting Society upon the occasion of hosting its inaugural Black in Casting: Black History Month Potluck Brunch on February 28, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Black in Casting.