

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing Yunnan Province and Chongqing Municipality of the People's Republic of China as a "Sister City" with New York City

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging its "sister city" relationships; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York believes that it would be beneficial to promote cooperation in all fields, and therefore, is supporting and developing mutually beneficial partnerships between Yunnan Province and Chongqing Municipality, one of the largest cities in the world, of the People's Republic of China and New York City, the largest city in the United States; and

WHEREAS, They believe that establishing such a partnership will deepen their mutual understanding, strengthen their mutual trust, expand consensus, and enhance their cooperation; and

WHEREAS, They will launch and promote study visits and exchange programs between all special commissions and representative offices, and will provide necessary support to facilitate the exchange and cooperation among relevant departments and enterprises in the fields of economy and trade, culture and art, education, tourism, environmental protection, sustainable energy development, IT, logistics, and life sciences, among other fields; and

WHEREAS, One such study visit was a trip by a delegation of New York State legislators, the Asian American Business Development Center, and the New York in China Center to Beijing from October 21st through October 30th, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Also planned is the visit of the Chinese Consul General, Ambassador Sun Guoxiang, to Albany, New York on March 14, 2012; and

WHEREAS, The New York in China Center will also help promote friendly cooperative activities for both sides; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York is pleased to begin this new relationship with Chongqing Municipality of the People's Republic of China; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize Yunnan Province and Chongqing Municipality of the People's Republic of China as a "Sister City" with New York City; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ambassador Sun Guoxiang; John Wang, President of the Asian American Business Development Center; Michael Liang of the New York in China Center; and to dignitaries of the Chongqing Municipality and Yunnan Province.