

**BY:** Senator PARKER

**HONORING** Amina J. Mohammed upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by FACE Africa at its Ninth Annual Wash Gala on March 31, 2018

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to call attention to those events which serve to enhance the cultural enrichment and preserve the heritage of Africa; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Amina J. Mohammed upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by FACE Africa at its Ninth Annual Wash Gala "A Night Celebrating African Excellence" to be held at The Current at Chelsea Piers, New York, New York, on Saturday, March 31, 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** The FACE Africa WASH Gala is held annually in New York City to raise awareness and funds for clean water projects; in addition, it is a celebration of Africans and Friends of Africa making a difference in their respective industries and communities; and

**WHEREAS,** This year, FACE Africa's goal is to raise \$500,000 to provide Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programs and facilities to communities in rural Liberia and Nigeria; and

**WHEREAS,** The theme for this year's gala "Water Fuels the Future" is more than a statement, it is the recognition that the availability of clean drinking water is a prerequisite to achieving all of the other development indicators like health, education, gender equality, growth, community commerce, agriculture, and self-sufficiency; and

**WHEREAS,** From November of 2015 to December of 2016, Amina J. Mohammed served as Minister of Environment of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, where she steered the country's efforts on climate action, protecting the natural environment and conserving resources for sustainable development; and

**WHEREAS,** Prior to this most esteemed position, Amina J. Mohammed served as Special Adviser to Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Post-2015 Development Planning; during this time, she was instrumental in bringing about the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout her illustrious career, Amina J. Mohammed also worked for three successive administrations in Nigeria, serving as Special Advisor on the Millennium Development Goals, providing advice on issues including poverty, public sector reform and sustainable development, and coordinating programs for MDG-related interventions; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Amina J. Mohammed upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by FACE Africa at its Ninth Annual Wash Gala on March 31, 2018; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Amina J. Mohammed.