

BY: Senator SERRANO

COMMEMORATING the 150th Anniversary of The
Metropolitan Museum of Art

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge institutions that strive to provide lifelong historic, cultural, and economic value, as well as opportunities to benefit its communities, and the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of The Metropolitan Museum of Art; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Museum of Art (The Met) was founded on April 13, 1870, at 1000 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Met opened The Met Cloisters to the public in 1938, which is devoted to the art and architecture of medieval Europe; and

WHEREAS, The Met opened a space dedicated to modern and contemporary art in 2016, called The Met Breuer; and

WHEREAS, One of the world's greatest art centers, The Met displays tens of thousands of objects of art at any given time in the two-million-square-foot building on Fifth Avenue; and

WHEREAS, The Met continues to house extraordinary collected works of Old Masters through modern and contemporary art, including amazingly diverse pieces from around the world, encompassing 5,000 years of art; and

WHEREAS, Several million people visit The Met each year to enjoy the architectural ambiance, and one of the greatest art collections in the world; and

WHEREAS, The Met hosts the world-renowned Met Gala, an annual event that has taken place since 1948; it is attended by celebrities and art enthusiasts alike; this auspicious event marks the opening of the Costume Institute's annual fashion exhibit; and

WHEREAS, In honor of this historic anniversary, The Met will be presenting an exhibit named, "Making The Met, 1870 - 2020," which will present a collection of more than 250 works of art taking visitors on a journey through the history of the Museum; and

WHEREAS, The Met will also be displaying new works of art especially gifted to the Museum in honor of its Sesquicentennial; moreover, the opening of the newly renovated British Galleries, and the unveiling of cross-cultural installations, as well as a vigorous schedule of events; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate milestones in the histories of certain exceptional institutions, such as The Met, in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this brilliant establishment and its valuable contributions to the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of The Metropolitan Museum of Art; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Metropolitan Museum of Art.