

**BY:** Senator COMRIE

**HONORING** Aleesia Abraham upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the BLAQUE Resource Network on August 15, 2020

**WHEREAS,** The unity of our State and Nation is built upon the compassion of individuals such as Aleesia Abraham who uphold the values of community life and who, through their great actions, epitomize the best of humanity; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Aleesia Abraham upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the BLAQUE Resource Network at its First Anniversary Gala on Saturday, August 15, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** As founder and director of Prototype Music, Aleesia Abraham works tirelessly to ensure each show produced, from its premier annual event, the Queens Youth Music Festival, to local talent shows, is an assortment of creativity, exciting performance, and community involvement; and

**WHEREAS,** Born and raised in Queens, New York to Caribbean parents, Aleesia Abraham began her illustrious career as a singer and songwriter; her artistic ability, infectious energy, and organizational skills first attracted the attention of producers and managers all over Queens; she then found herself hosting panels, seminars, and networking events for Sony Music, MTV, and Imagem; and

**WHEREAS,** Combining her artistic knowledge with a trial-by-fire industry experience, Aleesia Abraham is determined to create an avenue for young talent from Queens to reach their highest potential with proper guidance, care, and mentorship; and

**WHEREAS,** Under the luminous direction of Aleesia Abraham, Prototype Music and the Queens Youth Music Festival continues to grow, providing both positivity and tremendous opportunities to local children from underserved communities; and

**WHEREAS,** With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, Aleesia Abraham is a long-time active member of both the Eastern Queens Alliance and The Merchants Association of Rosedale; in this capacity, she works with the local non-profit organization Homes for Homeless to provide regular youth music workshops to youth living in the Saratoga Family Inn; and

**WHEREAS,** A caring, competent and committed leader, Aleesia Abraham's character and integrity are the hallmarks of her life and work as a mentor, a community volunteer and as a person; and

**WHEREAS,** The Queens community is indeed fortunate and blessed to have such a dedicated and respected leader; her wisdom and contributions

reach countless children, truly making a difference in their lives; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Alecia Abraham has displayed throughout her life; and

**WHEREAS,** It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Alecia Abraham, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Alecia Abraham upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the BLAQUE Resource Network, and to wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alecia Abraham.