

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING FACE Africa upon the occasion of hosting its Annual WASH Gala at home on March 20, 2021

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 commend FACE Africa upon the occasion of hosting its Annual WASH Gala at home; due to the ongoing global pandemic, this auspicious event will be held virtually on Saturday, March 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The FACE Africa WASH Gala is held annually to raise awareness and funds for clean water projects for marginalized communities in remote regions of sub-Saharan Africa; it is also 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 provide Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programs and facilities to communities in rural Liberia and Nigeria; through this vital organization's tireless efforts, nearly 250,000 lives have been positively impacted; and

WHEREAS, The theme for this year's virtual gala is "Water is Personal," sparking a global conversation about what water means to each and every one of us, its importance to our home and family life, our livelihood, our cultural practices, wellbeing, and our local environment; the hope is by discussing and celebrating all the different ways water benefits our lives, we can value water properly and safeguard it effectively for everyone; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations 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 commend FACE Africa upon the occasion of hosting its Annual WASH Gala at home on March 20, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to FACE Africa.