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COMMEMORATING the Queens Covid Remembrance Day to be held May 1, 2021, a day to pause and remember the residents of Queens lost to the disease and to celebrate their lives

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize certain events of significance which bring the people of the State of New York together to honor the memory and remember the lives of their loved ones; the Queens Covid Remembrance Day is one such event; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the Queens Covid Remembrance Day, a day of solemn reflection for those lost to Covid-19, to be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021, at the Forest Park Bandshell; and

WHEREAS, The Queens Covid Remembrance Day will represent both family members and victims of Covid-19 from Queens, New York, who have been tragically impacted by this life-threatening and devastating pandemic; and

WHEREAS, On this day, the many family members grieving the loss of their loved ones vow they will not be forgotten; as a physical representation of loss, there will be 400 empty park benches, each one adorned with an artist's rendition of an actual Queens resident who died of Covid-19; these images will be custom made by the "Faces of Covid Victims" project; and

WHEREAS, To remember and honor Covid-19 victims from around the world, yellow hearts bearing the names of lost loved ones will surround the bandshell; these will be generously supplied by The Yellow Heart Memorial; and

WHEREAS, The Floral Hearts Project will be creating an original art piece, featuring fresh flowers donated by 1-800-Flowers and designed by Kristina Libby; this will be a one-of-a-kind creation to honor all those lost to Covid-19 and those left behind to mourn their absence; and

WHEREAS, A tribute to the essential and frontline workers will be held to honor all those who spent tireless hours caring for and providing services to the Queens community; and

WHEREAS, In addition, there will be a reflecting area and art display, as well as a ceremony which will include an interfaith prayer, and words of remembrance from Queens residents who lost loved ones to Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, Our society is deeply saddened at the loss of neighbors, family members, and friends but grateful for the opportunity to come together as a community and reflect upon the lives lost to this horrific

pandemic; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Queens Covid Remembrance Day to be held May 1, 2021, a day to pause and remember the residents of Queens lost to the disease and to celebrate their lives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Queens Covid Remembrance Day Committee.