

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Life of Hope upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Haitian Culture Day Parade and Street Festival on May 11, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the profound impact of those exemplary organizations within the great State of New York which proactively work for the empowerment of cultural communities, and the importance of such work which benefits all citizens of this State, and indeed, all citizens of the Nation, should be rightfully commended; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Life of Hope upon the occasion of hosting its Haitian Culture Day Parade and Street Festival on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at the Hillel Plaza in Flatbush Junction, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Life of Hope was founded in 2006, and is a multifaceted organization that positively impacts the lives of youth and immigrant families in a manner that reflects both their identity and needs through innovative programs and services while fostering greater opportunities; and

WHEREAS, This illustrious organization serves over 65,000 youth and immigrant families, preparing them for success in obtaining and maintaining meaningful careers, and reflects New York State's proud tradition of becoming stronger through the varied tapestry of community; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, Life of Hope is the central hub of hope, access, critical resources, and prosperity for youth and immigrant families in Central Brooklyn, and is working towards the expansion and development of the Life of Hope Community Center to better transform the lives of residents who continue to suffer from historical and ongoing inequities; and

WHEREAS, As a champion for the legacy and contributions of Haitian Americans in the Diaspora, Life of Hope creates a safe space for the marginalized immigrant community whose status is exceptionally vulnerable, specifically including Haitian Americans, to celebrate heritage and culture while connecting individuals with one another and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Life of Hope's Annual Haitian Culture Day Parade and Street Festival celebrates the history and beauty of Haiti and recognizes the economic, cultural, and accessibility barriers experienced but the community in the face of their troubled history; and

WHEREAS, Our society is greatly benefited by the purposeful efforts of individuals who unite for the cause of improving the quality of life

for others, and who proactively work toward the goal of dignity for all;
now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Life of Hope upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Haitian Culture Day Parade and Street Festival on May 11, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Life of Hope, Brooklyn, New York.