

Senate Resolution No. 2048

**BY:** Senator MYRIE

**COMMEMORATING** the 30th Anniversary of Greenest Block in Brooklyn, an annual contest by Brooklyn Botanical Garden

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations and events which are dedicated to building community and promoting beautification in this 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 30th Anniversary of Greenest Block in Brooklyn, an annual contest by Brooklyn Botanical Garden; and

**WHEREAS,** The annual Greenest Block in Brooklyn contest promotes streetscape gardening and a sense of community throughout the borough by encouraging residents of city blocks to join together in adding more plant life and greenery to their properties; and

**WHEREAS,** The Greenest Block in Brooklyn contest is free and open to all residential blocks, commercial blocks, and community gardens in Brooklyn; and

**WHEREAS,** The benefits of urban vegetation include improved air quality, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, increased shade coverage, and overall cooling effects on neighborhoods and houses; and

**WHEREAS,** The beautification of a city block through streetscape gardening can elevate community pride, increase property value, boost local commerce and tourism, improve mental health, and enhance pedestrian safety; and

**WHEREAS,** The award categories for the Greenest Block in Brooklyn contest are: Best Overall Residential Block, Best Overall Commercial Block, Greenest Storefront, Best Window Box, Best Street Tree Beds, Best Community Garden Streetscape, Rookie of the Year, Special Commendations, and the Sustainable Practices Award; and

**WHEREAS,** The winning street blocks receive cash prizes, a recognition ceremony, gift bags of fall bulbs, and certificates of recognition; a press conference is also held on the winning residential block; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the welfare of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched and reliably served by the purposeful endeavors of organizations which are committed to the enhancement and appreciation of the distinctive beauty of our surroundings and to the well-being of our State's communities; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Greenest Block in Brooklyn, an annual contest by Brooklyn Botanical Garden; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brooklyn Botanical Garden.