

**BY:** Senator SANDERS

**COMMEMORATING** the 50th Anniversary of the National  
Caucus of Black State Legislators

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend organizations of outstanding purpose whose contributions enhance the quality of life for the citizens of this great State and the Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL); and

**WHEREAS,** Founded in 1977, by approximately 18 visionary lawmakers, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators was established to address the pressing needs of Black constituents and to counter barriers to full participation within traditional legislative organizations; and

**WHEREAS,** The National Black Caucus of State Legislators has grown into a premier bipartisan, nonprofit membership organization representing more than 700 African American state legislators from across the United States, collectively giving voice to over 50 million African Americans; and

**WHEREAS,** The National Black Caucus of State Legislators is dedicated to promoting educational, research, and training initiatives that equip its members to make informed decisions on legislation and public policy affecting Black communities and other underserved populations; and

**WHEREAS,** Through its commitment to fostering collaboration, advancing model legislation, and encouraging the exchange of ideas and information, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators serves as a dynamic force for public policy innovation and effective governance; and

**WHEREAS,** The organization operates as a strong and unified advocate for African American state legislators and their constituencies at the federal level, while also strengthening the effectiveness and influence of its members within their respective states; and

**WHEREAS,** The State of New York has long been home to a distinguished and diverse body of legislators who have contributed meaningfully to the mission and work of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, advancing policies that promote equity, justice, and opportunity for all New Yorkers; and

**WHEREAS,** The 50th Anniversary of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators marks a significant milestone in its enduring legacy of bipartisan leadership, advocacy, and service, as well as its continued commitment to improving the lives of African Americans and underserved communities nationwide; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, recognizing its invaluable contributions to public service and policy advancement; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the National Black Caucus of State Legislators.