

Senate Resolution No. 2265

**BY:** Senator PARKER

**COMMENDING** the Brooklyn Children's Museum upon the occasion of hosting its Juneteenth Gathering on June 19, 2026

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those cultural institutions of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose enduring commitment to education, joy, and the celebration of Black history and culture has enriched the civic and cultural life of the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Brooklyn Children's Museum upon the occasion of hosting its Juneteenth Gathering at Brower Park on Friday, June 19, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** Founded in 1899, the Brooklyn Children's Museum is the first children's museum in the United States and among the oldest in the world; for more than 125 years, it has served as a place where learning and life come together, offering children innovative hands-on exhibitions, daily workshops and programs, and multicultural performances that cultivate understanding, curiosity, and respect for the world and for one another; and

**WHEREAS,** Juneteenth, observed on June 19th, the date in 1865 when the last enslaved people in the United States learned of their freedom, is among the most significant cultural and historical observances in the American calendar, a day of remembrance, celebration, and rededication to the ongoing work of freedom and justice that the emancipation of enslaved people began but did not complete; and

**WHEREAS,** The Brooklyn Children's Museum's Juneteenth Gathering is a celebration of freedom and Black joy in the fullest sense of those words: that joy is not merely happiness but a form of resistance, a declaration that Black life is rich, vibrant, and worth celebrating; that Black children deserve to see their history honored and their culture centered; and that the work of liberation is carried forward not only in protest but also in laughter, music, art, and the simple, radical act of gathering together in gladness; and

**WHEREAS,** Crown Heights, where the Brooklyn Children's Museum has stood for more than a century, is a community whose cultural diversity, historic depth, and resilient spirit are reflected in the Museum's programming, and the Juneteenth Gathering affirms the Museum's commitment to being not merely a neighborhood institution but a true community anchor; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor the Brooklyn Children's Museum, its leadership, staff, and the children and families who will spread their joy on this Juneteenth, celebrating freedom, Black excellence, and the living legacy of those who made their

liberation possible; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Brooklyn Children's Museum, upon the occasion of hosting its Juneteenth Gathering on June 19, 2026, and to extend heartfelt congratulations and deepest appreciation for the joy, learning, and cultural celebration this gathering will bring to the children and families of Brooklyn; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the leadership and staff of the Brooklyn Children's Museum in recognition of their steadfast commitment to the cultural life, education, and joy of Brooklyn's children and communities.