

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMEMORATING the 6th Annual Haitian Culture Day Parade, organized by Life of Hope, and recognizing its celebration of Haitian heritage, unity, and community empowerment

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend events that celebrate cultural diversity, foster community engagement, and honor the rich heritage of the residents of New York 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 6th Annual Haitian Culture Day Parade, to be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The 2025 Haitian Culture Day Parade, themed "One Love, One Haiti & One Community," is organized by Life of Hope, a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering Haitian-American communities through education, health, and cultural initiatives; and

WHEREAS, The festival will showcase performances by renowned artists, including the internationally acclaimed konpa band T-Vice, Raboday performer AndyBeatz, and will be hosted by DJ Hard Hittin Harry, highlighting the vibrant music and dance traditions of Haiti; and

WHEREAS, The Haitian Culture Day Parade and Festival serve as a cornerstone event during Haitian Heritage Month, drawing over 10,000 attendees annually, and providing a platform to honor the resilience, history, and contributions of the Haitian-American community in New York; and

WHEREAS, This celebration fosters cultural pride, unity, and empowerment, enriching the diverse tapestry of New York State and strengthening the bonds within and among communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 6th Annual Haitian Culture Day Parade, organized by Life of Hope, and to recognize its significance in celebrating Haitian heritage and promoting community cohesion; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Life of Hope in recognition of their outstanding efforts in organizing this meaningful event.