

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMEMORATING the official launch of the Spice
Generation Dance Company

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and celebrate organizations that enrich the cultural fabric of New York State and contribute to the preservation of heritage through the arts; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the official launch of the Spice Generation Dance Company, to be held on Saturday, May 17, 2025, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded under the visionary leadership of Latoya Stanislaus-Torrington, the Spice Generation Dance Company was established with a mission to preserve, promote, and celebrate Grenadian and Caribbean cultural traditions through dance, providing a vibrant and dynamic platform for artistic expression and intergenerational knowledge-sharing; and

WHEREAS, Rooted in the rich cultural legacy of Grenada-also known as the "Isle of Spice"-the company serves as a beacon of pride for the Caribbean diaspora, showcasing traditional and contemporary dance styles that reflect the rhythm, spirit, and resilience of the region; and

WHEREAS, The company seeks to inspire youth, strengthen cultural identity, and foster community engagement by offering performances, workshops, and educational programs that highlight the significance of Caribbean heritage within the broader mosaic of New York City's diverse population; and

WHEREAS, The official launch of the Spice Generation Dance Company marks a significant milestone not only for its founders and performers, but also for the broader Grenadian and Caribbean-American communities who find in it a celebration of their roots and a vision for cultural continuity; and

WHEREAS, Events such as this serve as an important reminder of the value of cultural preservation and the role the arts play in uniting communities, building pride, and celebrating diversity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the official launch of the Spice Generation Dance Company, and to recognize its meaningful contributions to the preservation and promotion of Grenadian and Caribbean cultural heritage; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Latoya Stanislaus-Torrington, Director of the Spice

Generation Dance Company, in honor of this celebratory occasion.