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**COMMEMORATING** the 100th Birthday of Malcolm X, a Revolutionary Leader and Champion for Justice

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals and events which celebrate our nation's great struggle to fulfill the promise of equality and opportunity for all; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Birthday of Malcolm X, a Revolutionary Leader and Champion for Justice; and

**WHEREAS,** The legacy of Malcolm X is honored in Brooklyn through the renaming of the Utica Avenue train station to Malcolm X Boulevard/Utica Avenue station; and

**WHEREAS,** Malcolm X, born Malcolm Little on May 19, 1925, in Omaha, Nebraska, was a transformative leader whose life and legacy continue to inspire generations in the ongoing fight for racial equality, social justice, and human rights; and

**WHEREAS,** Malcolm X endured great personal tragedy and systemic oppression throughout his life, including the loss of his father to racial violence, the institutionalization of his mother, and his experiences with poverty and the criminal justice system, yet rose to become one of the most profound voices of the 20th century; and

**WHEREAS,** Malcolm X's journey of self-discovery, intellectual growth, and spiritual transformation led him to embrace the principles of self-determination, unity, and empowerment for African Americans, which he articulated with unflinching courage and eloquence; and

**WHEREAS,** As a minister and national spokesperson for the Nation of Islam, Malcolm X ignited a global movement, calling attention to the systemic racism, economic inequality, and structural barriers that marginalized Black communities; and

**WHEREAS,** Malcolm X's pilgrimage to Mecca in 1964 marked a pivotal turning point in his worldview, as he embraced the universality of human rights and advocated for solidarity among all oppressed peoples, regardless of race or creed; and

**WHEREAS,** His teachings emphasized the value of education, the importance of cultural pride, and the necessity of political and economic independence in the struggle for liberation; and

**WHEREAS,** Malcolm X's enduring legacy can be felt across movements for civil rights, Black empowerment, Pan-Africanism, and global liberation, with his words and ideas continuing to inspire activists, scholars, and communities worldwide; and

**WHEREAS,** On this 100th Anniversary of his birth, we reflect on Malcolm X's unwavering commitment to truth, justice, and the upliftment of marginalized communities, and honor his contributions to the global struggle for freedom and equality; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Birthday of Malcolm X, and to recognize his extraordinary contributions to the fight for racial and social justice; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body reaffirm its commitment to continuing the work of dismantling systemic racism, promoting equality, and uplifting the voices of the oppressed, as we honor the memory of Malcolm X and his lifelong dedication to these principles.