

## 2023-J1136

Senate Resolution No. 1136

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING the Brooklyn Leaders Lions Club upon the occasion of hosting its Garden Tea Party on May 27, 2023

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those organizations within our midst which have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Brooklyn Leaders Lions Club upon the occasion of hosting its Garden Tea Party on Saturday, May 27, 2023, at the Paerdegat Yacht Club in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Leaders Lions Club is part of Lions Clubs International, one of the largest service organizations in the world, and is deeply committed to meeting the challenges of public service; currently, there are approximately 45,000 clubs in 204 countries with 1.4 million members; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the Brooklyn Leaders Lions Club and the entire Lions organization is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding; and

WHEREAS, Lions are recognized worldwide for their service to the

blind and visually impaired; this service began when Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become her "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness" during the Lions' 1925 International Convention; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Leaders Lions Club was chartered on March 25, 2014, with 28 members, five of whom came from the Brooklyn Outreach Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Brooklyn Leaders Lions Club has followed the tenets of the Lions Clubs International organization and has strived to create an environment where the spirit is uplifted, and every individual is encouraged to take part in the civic, cultural, social and moral development of their community; members are united through the mutual understanding of the common goal of serving their community; and

WHEREAS, In the last nine years, the Club has been serving its community through back-to-school supplies giveaways, feeding the less fortunate, Christmas toys and Mother's Day baskets giveaways, and eye screenings with the intent of helping if eyeglasses are needed; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Leaders Lions Club also makes donations to some countries in the Caribbean/West Indies, and to the Cancer Society, the TEAL Society, the Blind Society, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and many other charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Brooklyn Leaders Lions Club upon the occasion of hosting its Garden Tea Party on May 27, 2023, and to honor its members, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life in the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Brooklyn Leaders Lions Club.