

## **2023-J2656**

Senate Resolution No. 2656

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Check On Your Black Friends Inc. upon  
the occasion of hosting its Fourth Annual Juneteenth  
Celebration on June 19, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and  
pay tribute to organizations of true purpose and worthy accomplishment  
which are dedicated to serving their community and to celebrating and  
preserving their rich ethnic heritage; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its  
long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to  
commend Check On Your Black Friends Inc. upon the occasion of hosting  
its Fourth Annual Juneteenth Celebration from June 11-19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion will be observed with an event  
held on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at the Roy Wilkins Park in St. Albans,  
New York; it will feature over 60 Black-owned businesses on grounds  
ranging from beauty, fashion, wellness, health and art; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the celebration consists of a weeklong  
education series whose panelists range from esteemed Black elected  
officials, civic leaders, professors, creative thinkers, journalists,  
musicians, and performers; and

WHEREAS, The series aims to empower younger generations while also

bringing wisdom and healing and has attracted 3,000 attendees in the past; and

WHEREAS, This year's series will feature distinctive voices and elevated dialogues centered around Black futurism, environmental justice, housing equity, and sharing more personal accounts of the African diaspora's experience in America; and

WHEREAS, The celebration of Juneteenth allowed freed slaves and their descendants to recount the memories of that great day in 1865, when freedom was proclaimed, and also served as a release from the pressures of settling into new territories; and

WHEREAS, Today, Juneteenth is a time for reflection, education, and self-improvement, and celebrates African American freedom and achievements while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures; 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 recognized and celebrated by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Check On Your Black Friends Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Fourth Annual Juneteenth Celebration from June 11-19, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Check On Your Black Friends Inc.