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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending BRIC upon the occasion of hosting its Celebrate Brooklyn! Opening Night Gala and Concert on Wednesday, June 4, 2014

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes the importance of the performing arts, which act to inspire, enlighten, and unify people from all cultural backgrounds through the transcendent power of human expression; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend BRIC upon the occasion of hosting its Celebrate Brooklyn! Gala on Wednesday, June 4, 2014, at the Prospect Park Bandshell in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, During this special event, BRIC will pay special recognition to Kenneth Adams, President and CEO of Empire State Development, for his tremendous contributions to the Brooklyn community; in addition, a performance will be held by multi-talented recording artist Janelle Monae; and

WHEREAS, From its inception in 1979, Brooklyn Information and Culture (BRIC) has been the driving force behind a number of Brooklyn's most widely renowned and beloved arts and media programs; it has greatly enriched the cultural landscape by presenting, producing and enabling a wide array of quality visual, performing and media arts programs; and

WHEREAS, BRIC advances access to understanding of arts and media by presenting free and low-cost programming, and by offering education and other public programs to people of all ages; these programs aid in the expansion of remarkable events for the public within Brooklyn and throughout New York City; and

WHEREAS, As a non-profit arts organization it has been a leader in

innovation in the arts and media, a proud participant in the revitalization of Prospect Park; it is a champion of arts education through its programs: in media, Brooklyn Community Access Television; in the performing arts, BRIC studio and the Celebrate Brooklyn! Festival; and in visual arts, the BRIC Rotunda Gallery; and

WHEREAS, Over its 35 year history, the Celebrate Brooklyn! Festival has presented over 2,000 artists and ensembles reflective of the borough's diversity, ranging from internationally acclaimed performers to emerging, cutting-edge artists; all Celebrate Brooklyn! performances are free and the festival attracts upwards of 250,000 attendees from across New York City to the Prospect Park Bandshell each summer; and

WHEREAS, In the borough that is now one of this country's foremost creative centers, BRIC is unparalleled in its combination of artistic excellence, programmatic breadth and genuine accessibility; and

WHEREAS, Combined, BRIC's programs reach upwards of a million Brooklyn residents each year with compelling and engaging visual arts, performing arts and media; individuals, nonprofits, community groups, school children, educators and artists borough-wide, all benefit from its highly accessible exhibitions, performances, television programs, and education programs as well as the subsidized platforms it offers for artists and community members to develop and present works; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those organizations whose myriad contributions add brilliance, vigor and inspiration to the cultural diversity and quality of life in the communities across the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend BRIC upon the occasion of hosting its Celebrate Brooklyn! Gala on Wednesday, June 4, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Leslie G. Schultz, President, BRIC.