

## 2013-J3913

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating SUKHI New York and "Peace for All Day"

WHEREAS, The Peace for All Day rally was held on January 25, 2014, and included members of the diplomatic community from the United Nations, scholars, spiritualists, Sufis, elected officials, interfaith leaders, and non-government organizations; and

WHEREAS, This historic international interfaith gathering was held at Diversity Plaza in Queens, New York, where hundreds of people came together to commemorate the birthday of the prophet Muhammad; and

WHEREAS, This commemoration was held under the auspices of SUKHI New York, SUKHI 360, Spiritual United Nations, Nusantara Foundation, Muslim Coalition for the City of New York, Muhammadi Center, and the Institute of International Social Development; and

WHEREAS, SUKHI means "prosperity and happiness;" and

WHEREAS, "Peace for All Day", Rahmatul-lil-Alameen Day, was celebrated to initiate interfaith diplomacy and to encourage harmony so that all may live in peace now, and to assure peace and progress for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, In spite of abundant resources and technological advancement, many people suffer from hunger, life-threatening diseases, fear of uncertainty, injustice and the delay of justice, and torture; and

WHEREAS, "Peace for All Day" seeks to discourage terrorism and extremism in the name of faith; and

WHEREAS, People of vision and thought need to do all they can to initiate spiritual consciousness to combat extremism, so that all may co-exist in peace and safety; and

WHEREAS, Rahmatul-lil-Alameen Day was initiated by people of diverse faiths to bring peace, harmony, and a universal message of love, care,

and respect for all; and

WHEREAS, The participants of "Peace for All Day" have pledged to become Interfaith Diplomats, joining the people of the world to form a cohesive and progressive human society so that peace and blessings for all may prevail on earth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate SUKHI New York and "Peace for All Day", commending the vision and mission of this Interfaith Diplomacy Initiative to make a better human society and our world a better place to live; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Agha Saleh, Founder/Director, SUKHI New York.