

## 2013-J4069

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Executive Director Leah Archibald, East Williamsburg Valley Industrial Development Corporation, upon the occasion of being honored in conjunction with Women's History Month 2014 in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those women of achievement within the Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who inspire others through their model citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Executive Director Leah Archibald, East Williamsburg Valley Industrial Development Corporation, upon the occasion of being honored in conjunction with Women's History Month 2014 in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made invaluable contributions to the growth and strength of New York State in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the State of New York officially sets aside time to recognize the achievements and lives of these exemplary women, representatives of the wide-ranging and vital roles women have played in the historic development of this great Empire State and its communities; the theme of this year's commemoration is "Celebrating Women of Character, Courage, and Commitment"; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her illustrious and varied career, Leah Archibald of Brooklyn, New York, has consistently epitomized the values of character, courage, and commitment in her unwavering service to her peers, colleagues, and fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, The East Williamsburg Valley Industrial Development Corporation is a membership organization that promotes the development and

retention of production, manufacturing, and industrial service jobs in North Brooklyn; Leah Archibald and her team help over 300 businesses a year obtain financing, find real estate, locate qualified employees, and advocate for effective industrial policy with the city, state, and federal government; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the East Williamsburg Valley Industrial Development Corporation, Leah Archibald was Marketing Manager at the Industrial and Technology Assistance Corporation, and Executive Director of the Southwest Brooklyn Industrial Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Proficient in community development, Leah Archibald has worked with the New York State Assembly and the West Hollywood Council; and

WHEREAS, Leah Archibald has contributed her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors including the Community Board 7, the Greenpoint Community Environmental Fund Steering Committee, and the Newtown Creek Superfund Community Advisory Group; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding singer and guitarist, Leah Archibald's band, Wide Right, has released two critically-acclaimed records; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, David, and their two children, Kira and Sam, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her service to her community, the State of New York, and the nation, Leah Archibald has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Leah Archibald and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized 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 Executive Director Leah Archibald, East Williamsburg Valley Industrial Development Corporation, upon the occasion of being honored in conjunction with Women's History Month 2014 in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Leah Archibald, Executive Director, East Williamsburg Valley Industrial Development Corporation.