

## 2013-J5036

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Shantell Martin upon the occasion of presenting her solo exhibition and installation, "Are You You," at the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those individuals of artistic significance whose creative talents have contributed to the cultural enrichment of our communities and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Shantell Martin upon the occasion of presenting her solo exhibition and installation, "Are You You," at the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts, which was celebrated with a VIP Preview at the museum on Thursday, April 24, 2014, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts (MoCADA) uses the visual arts as a point of departure for exploring new artistic productions across a variety of disciplines; through exhibitions and programming, MoCADA incites dialogue on pressing social and political issues facing the African Diaspora, and fosters a dynamic space for the creation and continuous evolution of African Diaspora culture; and

WHEREAS, Shantell Martin is an accomplished artist whose work, part autobiographical and part dreamlike whimsy, bridges the worlds of fine art, commercial art and the everyday experience; her art uses a language of characters, creatures and messages to invite viewers to share a role in her creative process; and

WHEREAS, Shantell Martin's first solo museum exhibition, "ARE YOU YOU," is a site-specific installation exploring change, flow and identity, curated at MoCADA; and

WHEREAS, Using her simple trademark, black ink and white surfaces,

Shantell Martin's illustrations transform everything from walls, found objects, ceramics, luxury goods, sneakers, and even faces into a visual narrative; her diverse portfolio illustrates a gift for navigating many worlds; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed artist's work has been displayed to great fanfare at the ultra-high end department store Lane Crawford and Y & R's global headquarters, as well on the cover of the NEW YORK TIMES home section; furthermore, her work has appeared in CREATIVE REVIEW magazine; and

WHEREAS, Active in the fashion world, Shantell Martin was named New York's "coolest it girl" by FRENCH GLAMOUR in 2011; her latest collaboration with the fashion brand Suno was featured in VOGUE in August 2013; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Shantell Martin is renowned for her live talks and drawing demonstrations, and has been featured on the "Jimmy Kimmel Show"; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such remarkable talent and accomplishment 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 honor Shantell Martin upon the occasion of presenting her solo exhibition and installation, "Are You You," at the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Shantell Martin.