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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Brooklyn Perinatal Network upon the occasion of hosting its 25th Anniversary Symposium

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those organizations and individuals that work to serve the health care needs of citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Brooklyn Perinatal Network upon the occasion of hosting its 25th Anniversary Symposium, to be celebrated on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at the Brooklyn Hospital Center, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, This 25th Anniversary Symposium provides an excellent opportunity for the Brooklyn Perinatal Network to bring greater awareness to the health issues in regard to the prevention and reduction of infant and maternal illness and death; and

WHEREAS, Brooklyn Perinatal Network (BPN) was established in 1988 from a community task force to address high infant mortality; its purpose is to prevent infant/maternal illness and death, which for several years has been excessively high within the local community; and

WHEREAS, BPN provides at-risk residents access to vital information including supportive health and social supportive services, as well as in assisting families to secure public health benefits and resources needed to maintain health; subsequently, the community has seen a significant reduction in infant death and improved maternal and child health status; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Ngozi Moses, Executive Director, and Denise West, Deputy Executive Director, BPN provides medical care, offering a wide range of primary preventative and clinical services including pregnancy, OB/GYN care, pediatric, adolescent health

care, general family practice, and adult medicine; and

WHEREAS, In addition, specialty care in areas such as mental health, family planning, substance abuse treatment and counseling, and HIV/AIDS care is also offered by BPN; and

WHEREAS, Family preservation and development services give its patients access to case management, home-based services, as well as family and individual counseling; BPN also facilitates access to public assistance programs such as TANF food stamps, child care, housing, job preparation and enrollment for health insurance; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes the vital importance of the Brooklyn Perinatal Network in providing excellence in care through prevention, education and treatment, and its evident commitment to this mission; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments 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 commend Brooklyn Perinatal Network upon the occasion of hosting its 25th Anniversary Symposium; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brooklyn Perinatal Network, Brooklyn, New York.