

## 2015-J510

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 40th Anniversary of Meyda Lighting

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the milestones of those businesses which serve the citizens and businesses 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 commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Meyda Lighting; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1974 by Ida and Meyer Cohen, what started as a hobby for the couple has evolved into a nationally recognized American lighting manufacturer; and

WHEREAS, Meyda Lighting, a custom and decorative lighting company, creates beautiful lighting for homes and businesses across the nation, and around the globe; and

WHEREAS, Today, Meyda Lighting is still a family-run business, with the Cohens' son, Robert, at the helm; and

WHEREAS, Nearly two decades ago, Meyda Tiffany acquired Quality Bent Glass Company which created original lighting fixtures, including the famous Coca-Cola chandeliers, and supplied them to Tiffany Studios in New York City in the early 1990s; currently, Meyda Lighting utilizes the Quality Bent Glass Company's original tools, molds, and techniques to create nostalgic lighting products; and

WHEREAS, In the 1970s and 1980s, Meyda Tiffany captured the popular Tiffany market with authentic reproductions, interpretations, and

stained glass originals; lamps, chandeliers, wall sconces, and windows were offered including the famous Wisteria, the well-known Mini Tiffanies, and the original Meyer stained glass lanterns; Pond Lily, Quality Bent Glass, and Precious Memories mottled glass fringed lamps were also highlighted; and

WHEREAS, As the business grew and evolved, and in an effort to lower costs to create Tiffany styled products which were more affordable for a broader market, Meyda Lighting developed strong cooperative relationships with several small handicraft workshops overseas; the company's designers work very closely with these stained glass studios to maintain the high level of quality to its customers; and

WHEREAS, Meyda Lighting expanded its line into other styles including Mission, southwest, deco, nouveau, contemporary and modern; among its latest innovations is the world's largest LED free standing chandelier featured in the Stanley Theatre in Utica, New York, and the award-winning Chandel-Air, which combines custom lighting with fan technology; and

WHEREAS, In the mid-1990s, Meyda Lighting purchased Mecco Art, a metal art studio, and utilizes its equipment and manufacturing techniques to produce spectacular custom crafted lighting and decor under the Meyda Custom Lighting brand; and

WHEREAS, Under the Meyda Lighting brand, thousands of decorative styles are offered through fine dealers, and many designs are inspired by the works of Louis Comfort Tiffany, Dirk Van Erp, Gustav Stickley, and other masters, as well as the Arts and Crafts, Rustic, Gothic, Revival, and Contemporary themes; and

WHEREAS, Meyda Lighting's extensive line includes table and floor lamps, ceiling pendants, chandeliers, outdoor lighting, wall sconces,

stained glass windows, fireplace screens, billiard/kitchen island fixtures, novelty items, and more; and

WHEREAS, With many years of designing and manufacturing expertise,

Meyda Lighting has developed innovations, technologies, and value engineering which transcend architectural lighting for any budget or economy; and

WHEREAS, Today, Robert Cohen and his wife, Ellie, continue to manage the company with their sons, Chet, Max, and Ben, by their side; under their able leadership, the company produces an industry-leading product development program that creates dozens of new lighting designs every week; and

WHEREAS, Meyda Lighting retains a diverse group of designers and engineers that create custom fixtures, lamps, windows, and accessories to meet the exact specifications of any residential or commercial project, and continues to implement one of the industry's most extensive product development programs; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Meyda Lighting; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert Cohen.