

## 2015-J1103

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Fabian "Farbeon" Saucedo upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Arts Educator Award by the Brooklyn Arts Exchange Arts and Artists in Progress

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to honor and recognize those organizations and individuals whose commitment and creative talents contribute to the cultural enrichment of their communities and of the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Fabian "Farbeon" Saucedo upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Arts Educator Award, to be celebrated at the 14th Annual Brooklyn Arts Exchange Arts and Artists in Progress Awards Ceremony, on Saturday, March 28, 2015, at the Brooklyn Arts Exchange Building, Park Slope, Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Arts Exchange (BAX) Arts and Artists in Progress awards recognize individuals in the arts who have revealed and transformed their creative works; by instigating change, they have deepened the definition of their field and paved the way for others; and

WHEREAS, These distinguished awards are given to some of the most talented, generous, creative, and inventive persons in New York City dance, theater or performance; each awardee is then asked to Pass it On, honoring a colleague who demonstrates the same qualities for which they, themselves, were chosen; and

WHEREAS, Poet, emcee, singer, photographer and educator, Farbeon epitomizes the Hip Hop Renaissance; he has graced stages, panels and classrooms across the United States and abroad, from the streets of Spanish Harlem to the halls of Georgetown University to the former USSR air-force hangars of Hip-Hop KEMP in the Czech Republic; and

WHEREAS, In addition to performing with The Last Poets, Rob Swift, Fishbone, The Coup, Wordsworth, Rhymefest, The Visionaries, J-Live, Method Man, Camp-Lo, Blu, Aloe Blacc, as well as DJ Exile, Farbeon has helped teach classes with Talib Kweli, Pharoahe Monch, Sadat X, and Fab Five Freddy; and

WHEREAS, For over 15 years, Farbeon has worked to develop pedagogy that moves beyond high-stakes testing, and bridges the gap between the arts, academics, and social youth development; furthermore, he has taught poetry, performance, song-writing, photography and hip-hop history at high schools, universities, and community centers throughout the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, Farbeon is both the co-founder and Director of The Hip Hop Re:Education Project, a community-based organization that uses hip hop elements to inspire and transform communities, engage disadvantaged and disaffected youth and improve youth motivation and achievement; and

WHEREAS, Through his work with the BronxBerlinConnection, Farbeon has not only facilitated the production of multi-lingual, cross-cultural youth music-works, but he has also helped organize nine international exchange trips, using art and education to explore and express the unique experience of urban youth around the world, the critical challenges they face and the solutions necessary to enact change in their communities; and

WHEREAS, For the last four years, Farbeon has held the position of the Cultural Education and Community Outreach Coordinator at Dixon Place Theater, working to bring community youth groups into the site in order to experience quality performance opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Farbeon recently earned his Master's degree in Hip Hop Re:Education through the Gallatin School of Individualized Studies at

New York University; his sixth album, ORGANIC INTELLECTUAL, is scheduled to be released in the spring of 2015; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to

those individuals who add strength, vigor and inspiration to the cultural diversity and quality of life in the communities of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that we take time to celebrate the arts of our Nation, to honor our artists, and to express our appreciation to everyone who patronizes the arts; and as we celebrate the arts, we celebrate and give thanks to our American freedom, the only atmosphere in which artists can truly create and in which art is truly the expression of the soul; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Fabian "Farbeon" Saucedo upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Arts Educator Award by the Brooklyn Arts Exchange Arts and Artists in Progress; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Fabian "Farbeon" Saucedo.