

## 2015-J1225

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 13th Anniversary of Fleurimond Catering's Showcase and Gala on April 18, 2015

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 13th Anniversary of Fleurimond Catering's Showcase and Gala to be celebrated on Saturday, April 18, 2015, at Broad Street Ball Room in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Fleurimond Catering specializes in providing the most elegant catering and event planning services in New York City and the Northeast; its cuisine selections include American, French, Italian, Caribbean, and Latin; and

WHEREAS, A full-service catering company, Fleurimond Catering provides event coordination, and decor and event planning services; they also host many cooking parties throughout New York City, educating individuals how to cook their delicious dishes; and

WHEREAS, Through their catering services, Fleurimond Catering offers the ability to travel the world via an eclectic sample of delicious food offerings; its elegant and professional event planning services provide a caring and talented staff who will treat any event, large or small, as the event that is most important to them; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of owner Nadege Fleurimond, utilizing her Haitian culinary background, Fleurimond Catering pulls in flavors from Asia, Latin America, and Europe in all of their dishes; she has catered for several celebrities and venues including Ann-Hauser

Busch, Paul Weiss, New York City Hall, BET, The Colbert Report, Dr.

Mehmet Oz, and Vivica Fox, just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, An author and successful entrepreneur, Nadege Fleurimond's latest publication of HAITI UNCOVERED: A REGIONAL ADVENTURE INTO THE ART OF HAITIAN CUISINE is a cookbook spotlighting the food of Haiti; and

WHEREAS, With varying interests in business, government, and social issues, Nadege Fleurimond graduated with a degree in Political Science from Columbia University; since 2008, she has been a food columnist for the HAITIAN TIMES NEWSPAPER; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, Nadege Fleurimond was invited to cater the Haitian Flag Day Celebration at the White House; in July 2011, she was invited as the special guest of honor to share her expertise on food at the Guadeloupe Culinary Festival; and

WHEREAS, Nadege Fleurimond has received numerous awards and accolades for her culinary expertise including the 2010 New York Media Alliance's Ethnic Press Fellowship, and the 2011 Feet in Two Worlds Food Writers Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in 2014, Nadege Fleurimond was invited by the United States Embassy in Haiti to promote culinary diplomacy in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to applaud and support the entrepreneurs of small businesses such as Nadege Fleurimond whose dedication and accomplishments contribute to the economic health and vitality of the communities they serve in the State of New York; 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 13th Anniversary of Fleurimond Catering's Showcase and Gala on April 18, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nadege Fleurimond, Owner, Fleurimond Catering.