

## 2015-K943

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of UPROSE on September 30, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of UPROSE to be celebrated at its 50th Anniversary Ball on Friday, September 30, 2016, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1966, UPROSE is a grassroots, multi-ethnic, intergenerational organization working to develop indigenous leadership for the purpose of environmental and social justice; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the past five decades, UPROSE has strived to address the numerous challenges faced by frontline communities as a result of the disparate siting of pollution and other environmental burdens; and

WHEREAS, Committed to addressing and mitigating social inequities, this esteemed nonprofit organization has achieved numerous important accomplishments including the development of the waterfront and local brownfields, transportation and air quality improvements, and educational and youth empowerment campaigns; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the Mayor's Sustainability Advisory Board, UPROSE has successfully advocated for the City of New York to engage in a community planning process for environmental justice issues; it has also persuaded the New York State Public Service Commission to develop a process for removing dangerous polluters from the community; and

WHEREAS, In addition, UPROSE has intensified its focus on Sunset Park's adaptation to the changing climate in the wake of Superstorm Sandy and other weather related events; and

WHEREAS, Currently Brooklyn's oldest Latino community-based organization, UPROSE continues to work tirelessly to ensure meaningful community engagement, facilitate participatory community planning practices, and promote sustainable development with justice and governmental accountability; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, UPROSE is dedicated to developing the leaders of tomorrow, and has sent youth leaders to the United Nations and Antarctica to speak about important issues and to study climate change; it has also organized two New York City Climate Justice Youth Summits, and encouraged young people to attend college with the support of numerous scholarship programs; and

WHEREAS, The success of UPROSE is in direct correlation to the efforts of its volunteers and staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of this institution and the community of Sunset Park; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when advocacy 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 commemorate the 50th Anniversary of UPROSE on September 30, 2016; and be it further

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