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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Tarika James, M.D. upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Action Network, West Nassau Chapter, on April 17, 2016

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tarika James has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Tarika James, M.D. upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Action Network, West Nassau Chapter, to be celebrated at its 3rd Annual Women's Prestigious Gala Awards Dinner to be held on Sunday, April 17, 2016, at the Chateau Briand Caterers in Carle Place, New York; and

WHEREAS, The National Action Network's Annual Women's Prestigious Gala Awards Dinner recognizes outstanding individuals who demonstrate excellence in their work, service, and commitment to the Jewish, Nigerian, Caribbean, Spanish, Haitian and American communities; and

WHEREAS, The West Nassau Chapter, under the able leadership of District Chairperson, Pastor Emmanuel Asse, continues the mission of NAN which fulfills a vital role in moving our Nation forward; and

WHEREAS, Tarika James earned her Bachelors of Science degree in Biology from Ursinus College, and underwent doctoral training at Drexel University College of Medicine; she completed her residency training at the JFK Medical Center Family Practice Residency where she held the position of Chief Resident; and

WHEREAS, A board certified Family Physician, Dr. Tarika James served

for seven years as Associate Medical Director of Brownsville Multiservice (BMS) Family Health Centers; during this time, she instituted an open access model for appointment scheduling and healthcare delivery which increased utilization by 30% over a two year period and cut patient visit cycle times in half; and

WHEREAS, In January of 2014, Dr. Tarika James became Medical Director of the Long Island FQHC Inc., where she immediately transformed clinical practice at the health centers in order to attain a Patient Centered Medical Home Level 3; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Tarika James has worked with the clinical and operations leadership to improve and expand Health Care Open Access, and helped create the Clinical Policy and Procedure Manual; currently, she chairs the Continuous Quality Improvement Committee which monitors all quality activities for the organization; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her illustrious tenure, Dr. Tarika James has strived to improve the health delivery system by providing preventative care and high quality chronic disease management to her patients; she has also worked tirelessly to ensure that all patients receive the best primary care available regardless of income; and

WHEREAS, A respected member of the medical community, some of Dr. Tarika James's professional affiliations include the National Health Service Corps and the American Academy of Family Physicians; and

WHEREAS, During the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Tarika James has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Tarika James has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals 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 Tarika James, M.D. upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Action Network, West Nassau Chapter; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tarika James, M.D.