

## 2015-J4945

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the New York Impacto Lions Club upon the occasion of celebrating its 20th Anniversary on June 24, 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 who would devote themselves 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 commend the New York Impacto Lions Club upon the occasion of celebrating its 20th Anniversary on Friday, June 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, On June 6, 1996, the New York Impacto Lions Club was founded by 10 like-minded people who resided in the Bronx and Manhattan neighborhoods; most of the founding members were from the Dominican Republic, where they spent a great deal of time and energy helping to better their communities; as immigrants, they saw the need to create cohesion between the two boroughs and help their neighbors prosper in their new lives in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, the original members of the New York Impacto Lions Club sponsored a Leo Club which was composed of their children; although the young people have gone on to become professionals in their own rights, the former Leos are very supportive of the new generation of New York Impacto Leos and their continued efforts to serve the Bronx and Manhattan communities; and

WHEREAS, For two decades, the New York Impacto Lions Club has followed the tenets of the International Lions Clubs organization and has strived to create an environment where the spirit is uplifted and every individual is encouraged to take part in the civic, cultural, social and moral

development of their community; members are united through the mutual understanding of the common goal of serving their community; and

WHEREAS, These founding members saw the need for and wanted to stimulate and foster professional development within their neighborhoods and assist the youth in becoming tomorrow's leaders; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated members of the New York Impacto Lions Club also encourage responsible individuals to serve those in need whether it is in New York City, the state as a whole, the Dominican Republic or any other country overseas that is affected by natural disasters, extreme poverty, persecution and hunger; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the New York Impacto Lions Club has been represented in the Lionistic Multiple District 20R2 and in the Lions Club International Organization by a President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Director elected by the members of the Club; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous guidance of these Directors, the New York Impacto Lions Club has made donations to Haitians affected by crisis, the Dominican Republic, Asian communities affected by the tsunami, pregnant women in Boca Chica, and ongoing little league baseball clinics for the youth; and

WHEREAS, In addition, these enthusiastic and steadfast members make year-round visits to nursing homes and donate both food and supplies to the homeless within the community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, the New York Impacto Lions Club have raised significant funds to assist a young child in the Dominican Republic in need of a kidney transplant; and

WHEREAS, For the past 15 years, the New York Impacto Lions Club, along with other Lionistic Clubs, has hosted a free annual health fair for the residents of Washington Heights community of Manhattan; members with various medical backgrounds and local sponsors have provided crucial medical care to more than 2,000 patients; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organiza-

tions 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 20th Anniversary of the New York Impacto Lions Club, and to commend its members, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life in the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New York Impacto Lions Club.