

## 2015-J5439

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Jackie Lewis upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Dr. Mary Seacole Lifetime Achievement Award by the Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Jackie Lewis upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Dr. Mary Seacole Lifetime Achievement Award by the Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic, to be celebrated at its 9th Annual Gala, A Salute to New York City's Nonprofits and the Neighborhoods They Serve, on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, at Giando on the Water, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic (NTAC) is a strategic partner and advisor to philanthropists, foundations, government and political entities, public institutions, grassroots nonprofit organizations, and faith-based institutions wishing to improve their programs and organizational effectiveness in addressing the needs of low-income and service-starved communities; and

WHEREAS, In addition, NTAC provides consultation, strategic direction, management, technical assistance and forums for increasing substantive outcomes in all areas of human and financial investment; and

WHEREAS, A first of her kind fashion and wellness trailblazer, Jackie Lewis opened Le Grand Hotel, the first clothing store in SoHo, in 1972;

and

WHEREAS, For 12 years, Jackie Lewis successfully enjoyed serving a clientele of women from all over the world, many of whom were from the nonprofit sector; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, Jackie Lewis moved to Jamaica, West Indies (WI), to create, build and open Jackie's on the Reef, the first Sanctuary Guesthouse and Wellness Spa in Negril, Jamaica, WI, featuring holistic strategies to improve one's life from the perspective of mind, body and spirit; 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 honor Jackie Lewis upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Dr. Mary Seacole Lifetime Achievement Award by the Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic; and be it further

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