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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION expressing sincerest, heartfelt condolences to the Orlando community in the wake of the devastating tragedy which took place at a nightclub in Orlando, Florida, and applauding all those who acted immediately and heroically in the face of danger

WHEREAS, The very principles of American freedom, and the safety and security of every American at home and abroad were challenged by the unspeakable atrocities committed in Florida, during the early morning hours of Sunday, June 12, 2016, at Pulse, a popular nightclub located in the heart of Orlando; and

WHEREAS, For all New Yorkers, the images of this horrific domestic act of terrorism rekindles heartbreaking memories and causes us to pause and reflect on our daily lives; and

WHEREAS, A heavily armed man entered the nightclub and began shooting, killing 49 people and wounding 53 more; and

WHEREAS, The very heart and soul of America has once more been shaken to its core and this tragedy stands as a reminder that such senseless acts of violence will not destroy the values that make America great; and

WHEREAS, The power of human compassion and the strength and spirit of the American people were revealed in Orlando as we learned of the immediate and heroic outpouring of service and concern for the victims of this act of terrorism and in its aftermath; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to those devoted first responders, including police officers, Orange County sheriff's deputies, and FBI agents, as well as paramedics and firefighters from three fire departments, who inspire us all by carrying out their sworn duties with great courage and bravery; and

WHEREAS, The combined and coordinated efforts of these individuals and

their swift response are a testament to the spirit of unity and fellowship in the face of adversity which characterizes the best of America; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of New York stand steadfast in their solidarity with Orlando, Florida, all of whom were victimized by the attack on Sunday, June 12, 2016; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to express sincerest, heartfelt condolences to the victims and their families and to applaud all those who acted immediately and heroically in the face of danger, and to extend to the people of Orlando, the sincere best wishes and heartfelt prayers of all New Yorkers; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida.