

## 2017-J4064

Senate Resolution No. 4064

BY: Senator MONTGOMERY

COMMENDING the Brooklyn Arts Exchange upon the occasion of celebrating 25 years of Artists in Residence on March 25, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate those events of historical significance which add strength, vigor and inspiration to the cultural diversity and quality of life in the communities of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Brooklyn Arts Exchange upon the occasion of celebrating 25 years of Artists in Residence, to be feted at a Gala on Sunday, March 25, 2018, at Roulette in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Founder/Executive Director Marya Warshaw will be recognized for her luminous leadership and her lasting contributions to arts, culture and education for the local community; and

WHEREAS, This festive party will feature performance, video, and commentary by several talented artists; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1991, the Brooklyn Arts Exchange (BAX) strives to provide a nurturing, year-round, performance, rehearsal and

educational venue in Brooklyn which encourages artistic risk-taking and stimulates dialogue among diverse constituencies; and

WHEREAS, This community-based performing arts center diligently works to develop artists of all ages, from children to professionals who are mentored by expert directors and choreographers; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, BAX established its Artist in Residence program with two artists, Reggie Wilson and George Emilio Sanchez; through their input, this vital organization identified a need for space, a desire for opportunities to investigate specific aesthetic and cultural concerns, and an interest in curating work by other artists to build community and extend their own artistic practice; and

WHEREAS, BAX welcomes and supports individuals and groups of all origins, ages, abilities, races, sexual orientations, genders, and varied immigration status; and

WHEREAS, The success of BAX's Artist in Residence Program is in direct correlation to the efforts of its 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 the institution and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that we take time to celebrate the arts of our Nation, to honor artists, and to express our appreciation to everyone who patronizes the arts; and as we celebrate the arts, we celebrate and give thanks to our American freedom, the only atmosphere

in which artists can truly create and in which art is truly the expression of the soul; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Brooklyn Arts Exchange upon the occasion of celebrating 25 years of Artists in Residence on March 25, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Marya Warshaw, Founder/Executive Director, Brooklyn Arts Exchange.