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Senate Resolution No. 5196

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMEMORATING the Ise Festival NYC on June 3, 2018, celebrating African culture

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations and events which foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the Ise Festival NYC on Sunday, June 3, 2018, celebrating African culture; and

WHEREAS, Ise Festival NYC, the annual celebration of traditional African culture and spirituality, returns to Bedford-Stuyvesant; and

WHEREAS, Ise is a spiritual practice and philosophy originated in Yorubaland, Nigeria, celebrating traditional African culture, spirituality and worship, and seeking to uplift and unify all people of the African diaspora; and

WHEREAS, The classic Brooklyn celebration is presented by Ogbe Sooto Ifa Temple, the Fadara Group, 256 Healing Arts and the Asase Yaa Cultural Arts Foundation and will begin with its traditional procession

to commemorate the people who have passed away this past year; and

WHEREAS, The procession will begin at the Asase Yaa Cultural Center, located on Fulton Street, and will end at the corner of Tompkins Avenue and Macon Street; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the festivities will continue throughout the day with live music, ancestral masquerades, cultural displays, guest speakers, music and food; a closing ceremony with libations and prayer will complete the day; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious event is free, open to the public and family-friendly; people of all races, ethnic groups, backgrounds and ages are welcome to join the entire program; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations and events which contribute to the improvement and enhancement of the quality of life in the communities they represent; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Isese Festival NYC on June 3, 2018, celebrating African culture; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ogbe Sooto Ifa Temple, the Fadara Group, 256 Healing Arts and the Asase Yaa Cultural Arts Foundation.