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HONORING Ambassador Malik Nadeem Abid upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Visionary Award by the National Action Network, West Nassau Chapter on March 22, 2020

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 honor Ambassador Malik Nadeem Abid upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Visionary Award by the National Action Network, West Nassau Chapter to be celebrated at its Gala on Sunday, March 22, 2020, at the Sand Castle in Franklin Square, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ambassador Malik Nadeem Abid is a devoted community advocate and human rights activist; for 25 years, he has been volunteering his time and energies in a variety of capacities and on many projects including creating job opportunities in the healthcare

field, the fight against drugs, community empowerment, legal and immigration issues, family counseling, healthcare education, civic and human rights, senior care, and youth activities; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Ambassador Malik Nadeem Abid has been involved in humanitarian work and fund-raising efforts for various not-for-profit organizations and disaster/relief management in the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Ambassador Malik Nadeem Abid has been instrumental in organizing several conferences inside the United Nations and the United States House of Representatives, and has been invited to speak in dozens of forums around the world on social, human rights, humanitarian and international affairs; and

WHEREAS, His 2017 speech to the United Nations about the "Status of Women" has been watched by more than 201 million viewers so far around the world including several Heads of States; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, the International Human Rights Commission nominated Malik Nadeem Abid as Ambassador to the United Nations, and in June of 2016, he was appointed Secretary General of the International Human Rights Commission and Executive Director of the IHRC Relief Fund Trust; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his luminous humanitarian work, Ambassador Malik Nadeem Abid has served as a senior healthcare executive for over 20 years; in this capacity, he has truly made a difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of under-privileged families by providing much needed healthcare services; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man has also organized several healthcare education seminars and conferences educating communities about prevailing diseases and preventions and arranged several free health screening clinics in different parts of the world; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2016, Ambassador Malik Nadeem Abid was elected 1st Vice President of New York State Adult Day Services Association; in this role, he has testified in front of both the New York State Senate and Assembly as an expert on healthcare and senior care; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Ambassador Malik Nadeem Abid was a member of the National Council of Fellowship of Reconciliation which diligently worked to promote peace and harmony among different religious and ethnic communities; currently, he is the New York Chapter President of American Muslim Voice Foundation and serves on its National Board; and

WHEREAS, From 2011-2013, Ambassador Malik Nadeem Abid held the title of Commissioner of Human Rights for Nassau County, and was a member of the American Islamic Relations (CAIR) Board from 2005-2006; and

WHEREAS, Ambassador Malik Nadeem Abid has been honored many times by numerous elected officials and worthy organizations for his tireless and dedicated community service at all levels of government; he was also the recipient of the 2008 Shining Star Award by United Healthcare; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife and daughter, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Ambassador Malik Nadeem Abid has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 Ambassador Malik Nadeem Abid upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Visionary Award by the National Action Network, West Nassau Chapter on March 22, 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ambassador Malik Nadeem Abid.