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Assembly Resolution No. 2359

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COMMEMORATING the 175th Anniversary of Pfizer, Inc., and recognizing the company's service to the citizens of the State of New York and the World

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses that substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities, thereby enhancing the economic well-being of the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 175th Anniversary of Pfizer, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Pfizer is a research-based global pharmaceutical company, headquartered in New York State, whose mission is to advance breakthroughs that improve patients' lives; and

WHEREAS, Across New York State, Pfizer employs more than 6,000 colleagues and contracted employees, manages clinical trial and investigator sites, and invests in strategic partnerships and external research efforts with small biotech companies and universities; and

WHEREAS, Located in Pearl River, New York, the Pfizer Vaccine Research and Development facility develops first-in-class and best-in-class vaccines against diseases of significant importance to

public health, impacting all ages and geographies, and Pearl River scientists are working to develop vaccines against serious infectious diseases as well as cancer therapeutics; and

WHEREAS, Pfizer, Inc., has established the School of Science program at its headquarters in New York City, designed to inspire the next generation of scientists at an early age; and

WHEREAS, In 1849, Pfizer, Inc., was founded by Charles Pfizer and Charles Erhart when they opened a fine-chemicals company in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1941, Pfizer, Inc., responded to an appeal from the United States Government to expedite the manufacture of penicillin for the treatment of allied soldiers fighting in World War II; and

WHEREAS, For the past 175 years, Pfizer, Inc., has been at the forefront of innovation and the acceleration of scientific advancements; today, there are more than 300 Pfizer medicines across the globe; and

WHEREAS, Every day, the colleagues of Pfizer, Inc., work across both developed and emerging markets to advance wellness, prevention, treatments, and cures that challenge the most feared diseases of our time; consistent with the company's responsibility as one of the world's premier innovative biopharmaceutical companies, the company is collaborating with healthcare providers, governments, and local communities to support and expand access to reliable, affordable health care around the world; and

WHEREAS, Pfizer, Inc., has an extensive history in vaccine research and development, taking bold, new approaches to translate scientific

research into medicines for people fighting cancer, working toward developing potential therapies for cardiometabolic diseases and inflammatory diseases, helping to ensure that patients have access to critical anti-infective therapies, and pioneering science that aims to address unmet medical needs for patients with rare diseases; and

WHEREAS, The industry-leading portfolio and extensive pipeline of Pfizer, Inc., include core mechanisms of action to attack cancer from multiple angles, including molecules, antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs), bispecific antibodies, and other immune-oncology biologics; and

WHEREAS, Pfizer, Inc., exemplifies its purpose by sourcing the best science in the world, partnering with others in the healthcare system to help improve access to its medicines, using digital technologies to enhance its drug discovery and development, as well as patient outcomes, and leading the conversation to advocate for innovation and patient policies; and

WHEREAS, Pfizer, Inc., works with policy leaders, regulatory agencies, healthcare providers, healthcare associations, distributors, insurers, pharmacies, patient advocacy groups, and other pharmaceutical companies to combat the risk which counterfeit medicines pose to the health of our communities; and

WHEREAS, The Pfizer Multicultural Health Equity Collective (MHEC), a cooperative of Pfizer colleagues and more than 40 non-profit partners across the United States, including community groups, healthcare provider associations, legislative caucuses, and patient advocacy groups, has created "An Action Guide to Disrupt Inequitable Health Outcomes," which highlights actionable solutions to disrupt drivers of health inequities across four key areas--Healthcare Facilities & Delivery, Research and Data, Workforce Pathways, and Policy; and

WHEREAS, Access to medicine is a cornerstone of commitment to health care; Pfizer RxPathways connects eligible patients in the United States to a range of its assistance programs that provide insurance support, co-pay assistance, and medicines for low or no cost; and

WHEREAS, Pfizer, Inc., is working to reduce the environmental impact of its medicines, advance diversity, and address health disparities to create a healthier and more equitable world; and

WHEREAS, On this auspicious occasion of the 175th Anniversary, the members of this Legislative Body extend special recognition to Pfizer, Inc., for its record of service to the citizens of the State of New York and the World; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 175th Anniversary of Pfizer, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pfizer, Inc.