

## 2023-J2668

Senate Resolution No. 2668

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Brooklyn Defender Services upon the occasion of hosting its 2024 Family Defense Benefit on June 10, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens 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 Brooklyn Defender Services upon the occasion of hosting its 2024 Family Defense Benefit on Monday, June 10, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Brooklyn Defender Services is a non-profit law firm that centers its work on individuals facing detrimental results from interactions within the legal system and has been a beacon of hope for those who would otherwise be overlooked; and

WHEREAS, More than 63% of Brooklyn residents are people of color, but more than 89% of Brooklyn Defender Services' clients are people of color, highlighting the need for services which address the disparities in the criminal, family, and immigration legal systems; and

WHEREAS, Brooklyn Defender Services, of Brooklyn, New York,

celebrates 17 years of keeping families together; this Legislative Body recognizes the assistance this guardian provides for its community and honors its dedication to empower underserved Brooklyn residents, anticipating future good works and wishing the company many more successful years to come; and

WHEREAS, The success of Brooklyn Defender Services is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations 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 recognize and commend Brooklyn Defender Services upon the occasion of hosting its 2024 Family Defense Benefit on June 10, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brooklyn Defender Services.