

## 2011-J1101

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the New York State Health Foundation and Preferred Health Partners upon the occasion of hosting its NYSHHealth Diabetes Campaign Event on Friday, April 8, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase awareness of serious health issues that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the New York State Health Foundation and Preferred Health Partners upon the occasion of hosting its NYSHHealth Diabetes Campaign Event on Friday, April 8, 2011; and

WHEREAS, This special function entitled, "Diabetes in Brooklyn: We Can Do Better!" will be held at the Brooklyn Borough Hall in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 1.8 million New Yorkers have diabetes; in New York City, people with diabetes are now hospitalized at nearly 80% higher than the national rate; and

WHEREAS, The borough of Brooklyn is hit especially hard, with nearly one in 10 borough residents having diabetes; some neighborhoods have even higher rates, including East New York, Williamsburg-Bushwick, and Bedford-Stuyvesant Crown Heights; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, the New York State Health Foundation (NYSHHealth) launched a five-year NYSHHealth Diabetes Campaign to reverse this epidemic; the Foundation is especially interested in targeting some of the hardest-hit communities in New York to address the disproportionate impact of diabetes; and

WHEREAS, Presenters will examine ways health care providers, community leaders, neighborhood organizations, and others can combat the disease; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body, representing the citizens of the State of New York, recognizes the importance of bringing awareness to this serious health issue; losing weight through regular physical activity and healthy eating will assist to prevent or delay the onset of

diabetes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the New York State Health Foundation and Preferred Health Partners upon the occasion of hosting its NYSHHealth Diabetes Campaign Event; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New York State Health Foundation and Preferred Health Partners.