

## 2011-J5129

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the New York Immigration Coalition

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 commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the New York Immigration Coalition; and

WHEREAS, The New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC) was founded in 1987 to address the needs of an increasing immigrant population in New York City; and

WHEREAS, The New York Immigration Coalition advocates for nearly 200 groups across New York City, uniting its multi-racial, multi-ethnic and multi-sector members and supporting positive social and political change; and

WHEREAS, The New York Immigration Coalition works to increase civic participation in the immigrant community, especially through voter registration and policy advocacy at both the local and state levels; and

WHEREAS, In order to create leadership opportunities for immigrants across New York City, the New York Immigration Coalition has built and supported the Immigrant Advocacy Fellowship Program and Immigrant Concerns Training Institute, and has invested in the creation of the next generation of advocates for immigrant civil liberties; and

WHEREAS, The New York Immigration Coalition serves as a community educator, producing brochures and publishing information on health care services, and safe and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, The New York Immigration Coalition strives to break down barriers and stigmas surrounding the immigrant community through outreach to the residents of New York City and its policymakers; and  
WHEREAS, In order to realize the dream of shared prosperity, the New York Immigrant Coalition fights for solutions that benefit all Americans and uphold the dignity of all individuals, and serves to welcome and integrate newcomers; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when 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 commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the New York Immigration Coalition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New York Immigration Coalition.