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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the American-Italian Cancer Foundation's mobile Breast Cancer Screening Program upon the occasion of celebrating its 26th Anniversary

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 which 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 commend the American-Italian Cancer Foundation's mobile Breast Cancer Screening Program upon the occasion of celebrating its 26th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The American-Italian Cancer Foundation's (AICF) mobile No-Cost Breast Cancer Screening Program is open to economically disadvantaged and medically underserved women ages 40 and over who have not had a mammogram in the past 12 months; the large mobile clinic travels to neighborhoods throughout the five boroughs to provide mammograms, clinical breast exams, instruction in breast self exam, and educational information to those who do not make annual screenings for breast cancer a priority; and

WHEREAS, AICF's Mobile Mammography Program brings breast cancer screening directly to the women most in need of no-cost services; in addition to eliminating economic and transportation barriers, the Program eliminates cultural and linguistic hurdles to health care access by partnering with trusted groups in various communities; and

WHEREAS, AICF works with an extensive network of over 200 community centers, religious institutions, schools, senior centers, health care providers, and other organizations to offer services to the women that

these groups already serve; and

WHEREAS, Early detection of breast cancer is the key to survival, yet many of the women in the neighborhoods AICF serves are not getting annual mammograms; by bringing breast cancer screening services directly to these women, AICF is encouraging them to make their health a priority, spreading awareness, and educating women and their families about the importance of early detection; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 commend the American-Italian Cancer Foundation's mobile Breast Cancer Screening Program upon the occasion of celebrating its 26th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the American-Italian Cancer Foundation.