

## 2015-J470

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating this year's honorees upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King Award for Character, Leadership and Excellence

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 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 congratulate this year's honorees upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King Award for Character, Leadership and Excellence; and

WHEREAS, The outstanding honorees include: Graciela Lopez, Lauryn Scott, Mayassa Monroe, Bianca Fernandez, James Guerriero, Adam Su, Thomas Kenna, Jainam Doshi, Joshua Paulicap, Chiazam Nwankwo, Matthew Graham, Aidan Dennis, Tosg Crossfield, Rhuberlyne Toussaint, Jonathan Lewis, Naveen Karunagaran, Natalie Andre, Diamond Brisbane, Nolan Alexandre-Baker, Omar Hameed, Sidney Saint-Hilaire, Brenton Mighty, Martha Williams, Sonia Padilla-Ortega, Karla Sabrozo, Willane Saint-Hilaire, Blanca Castillo, Marcellus Sandoval-Sharma, Michael Murphy, Chelsea Medina, Nigel Williams, Aissata Cisse, Karina Thomas and Vincent Raimondi; and

WHEREAS, The month of February acknowledges the rich and diverse heritage of our great State and Nation; Black History Month seeks to emphasize that Black History is American History; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 honorees have distinguished themselves through outstanding success in character, leadership, excellence and community

involvement; they are all true assets to society; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which these honorees have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the life in their community and have shown a sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate this year's honorees upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned honorees.