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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Asian Americans for Equality upon the occasion of its 41st Annual Lunar New Year Celebration on March 12, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend organizations which conscientiously devote their resources and purposeful energies to improving the quality of life in the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor Asian Americans for Equality upon the occasion of its 41st Annual Lunar New Year Celebration on March 12, 2015, joyfully welcoming the year 4713, the Year of the Ram; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans for Equality (AAFE) is a community-based organization founded in 1974 to advocate for equal opportunities for minorities; for 41 years it has worked assiduously for the benefit of residents of Chinatown, the Lower East Side, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, From its beginnings as a grass roots, volunteer group, Asian Americans for Equality has grown into a preeminent organization offering a comprehensive range of community and economic development activities and services while retaining its commitment to advocacy and community education; and

WHEREAS, Today, AAFE's remarkable variety of programs includes housing development and management, tenant counseling, community technology services, homeownership and mortgage counseling, small business development, and an array of social services; and

WHEREAS, Although New York City's underserved, low-income Asian American immigrant population continues to be a primary focus of Asian Americans for Equality, AAFE works diligently to assist all of the City's underserved residents; and

WHEREAS, Expanding from its base in the Chinatown/Lower East Side of Manhattan areas, Asian Americans for Equality now serves neighborhoods citywide wherever Asian immigrants have settled; and

WHEREAS, While Asian Americans for Equality's programs and services have evolved over the years to meet the changing needs of the community, cooperation among all ethnic minorities and collaborative efforts with other organizations continue to be exemplary hallmarks of its worthy endeavors; and

WHEREAS, On March 12, 2015, Asian Americans for Equality will once again hold its Annual Lunar New Year Celebration, continuing one of its most cherished traditions and proudly honoring members of the community who have, themselves, made significant contributions in keeping with AAFE's mission of promoting equality, racial harmony, and economic empowerment; and

WHEREAS, In so effectively serving the community, Asian Americans for Equality has established itself as an organization of distinction and truly merits recognition of its extraordinary accomplishments by this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Asian Americans for Equality upon the occasion of its 41st Annual Lunar New Year Celebration on March 12, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Asian Americans for Equality.