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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 2nd Annual Intersolar Summit USA East to be held on May 7, 2015, in Brooklyn, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those events and organizations which are dedicated to increasing public awareness of, and appreciation for, the natural resources of New York, recognizing the role all citizens have in protecting the environment and the quality of life in this Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 2nd Annual Intersolar Summit USA East to be held on Thursday, May 7, 2015, at the New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the last few years, several East Coast states, such as New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts, have become a backbone for the solar industry development of the United States; organizers, including Mid-Atlantic Solar Industries Association, New York Solar Industries Association, InterSolar, and Resilient Solar are proud to assist with this auspicious event; and

WHEREAS, Trailblazers Mid-Atlantic Solar Industries Association, New York Solar Industries Association, InterSolar, and Resilient Solar are dedicated to educating the public about the advantages and facts of solar energy, and envision a solar-powered future; and

WHEREAS, The 2nd Annual Intersolar Summit USA East will feature both a conference and accompanying exhibition in order to strengthen the networking aspect and foster exchange of ideas between attendees; presentation and discussion topics include key shifts in the East Coast solar markets, business climate updates, new potential growth areas, looming legislation issues affecting state-specific industry developments and upcoming challenges to meet stakeholders' expectations; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, delegates can take advantage of a focused exchange during breakout sessions covering grid stability, energy storage/battery safety and policy issues; and

WHEREAS, The day-long event will begin with opening and welcoming remarks by Markus Elsasser, CEO of Solar Promotion GmbH, followed by additional welcoming comments from James Spano, Managing Partner at Spano Partners Holding, LLC; and

WHEREAS, The Keynote Address is entitled, What's Next for Solar Energy in the Mid-Atlantic States? Implications of the Mid-Term Elections for the Region's Solar Future, with plenary speeches by Richard Kauffman, Chairman of Energy and Finance for New York, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), and Audrey Zibelman, Chair at New York Department of Public Service; and

WHEREAS, Lyle Rawlings, President Mid-Atlantic Solar Energy Industries Association (MSEIA) and Ron Celentano, President, Pennsylvania Solar Energy Industries Association (PASEIA) will address the topic of State-Level Solar Market Environmental Updates: Business Climate 2014 and Beyond, Upcoming Challenges and Regulatory Frameworks; and

WHEREAS, There will be a talk on Future Paths for the East Coast Electricity Business - Vision of a Collaborative Approach with plenary speeches by Dr. Richard Perez, Research Professor, University at Albany and Karl R. Rabago, Executive Director, Pace Energy and Climate Center; and

WHEREAS, The next discussion will focus on The U.S. East Coast Energy Storage Landscape - An Evaluation of Potentials and Profitable Business Cases, which will moderated by James Spano, Managing Partner, Spano Partners Holding, LLC, and Speakers Doug Staker, Vice President of Global Sales, Demand Energy, Mark Crowdis, President, Renewable Energy,

global X Tax, and Tom Leyden, Vice President of Energy Storage Deployment, SunEdison; and

WHEREAS, The next topic of the afternoon will be Shedding New Light on

the Burning Question: How to Facilitate Access to Capital and Maximize Opportunities in Solar PV Financing beyond the ITC by Alfred Griffin, President, NY Green Bank, which will be followed by a talk about Serving Markets Large and Small - Utility Scale to Residential; and WHEREAS, The last speech of the day will focus on Turning the Tables: Expert Discussion Between Installers and Commercial Customers, which will be moderated by Ankush Halbe, Program Manager, Photovoltaic Manufacturing Consortium (PVMC); and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon all citizens to recognize and applaud the efforts of events such as the 2nd Annual InterSolar Summit USA East and organizations such as Mid-Atlantic Solar Industries Association, New York Solar Industries Association, InterSolar, and Resilient Solar which work tirelessly on behalf of protecting our natural surroundings for the benefit of present and future generations of New Yorkers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 2nd Annual Intersolar Summit USA East to be held on May 7, 2015, in Brooklyn, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mid-Atlantic Solar Industries Association, New York Solar Industries Association, InterSolar, and Resilient Solar.