

## 2015-J2297

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Evergreen after more than three decades of revitalizing East Williamsburg, New York

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 honor Evergreen after more than three decades of revitalizing East Williamsburg to be celebrated on Wednesday, May 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Evergreen is a membership organization which champions manufacturing, creative production, and industrial service businesses in North Brooklyn and beyond; it connects businesses with resources and opportunities to help create and maintain high quality jobs at all skill levels; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1982 by a handful of local business owners, Evergreen, then known as EWVIDCO, was organized to revitalize East Williamsburg by attracting new businesses, providing business assistance to existing firms and to grow overall job opportunities in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, During this time, Evergreen worked to achieve its mission of economic development by addressing the high crime and poor sanitation affecting the area and serving as a liaison to government offices; and

WHEREAS, Today, Evergreen manages the Greenpoint/Williamsburg and North Brooklyn Industrial Business Zones and the North Brooklyn Empire Zone; through the NYC Industrial Business Zone (IBZ) program, Evergreen is responsible for meeting the business service needs of more than

10,000 industrial businesses in the Greenpoint/Williamsburg and North Brooklyn Industrial Business Zones and Ombudsman Zones; and WHEREAS, Furthermore, these businesses, which employ over 15,000 residents, depend on Evergreen for free, quick and reliable assistance with tax credits, incentives, financing, real estate and relocation assistance, energy and green issues, workforce needs, and advocacy; and WHEREAS, Evergreen provides these services in concert with public agencies, nonprofit organizations and community organizations; and WHEREAS, A force in the improvement of the North Brooklyn economy since its inception, Evergreen continues to offer a wide range of business services and acts as an advocate for local business interests; and WHEREAS, The success of Evergreen is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members and staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Evergreen; 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 recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Evergreen after more than three decades of revitalizing East Williamsburg, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Evergreen.