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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts upon the occasion of hosting its Inaugural Masquerade Ball on May 14, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those individuals of artistic organizations of significance whose creative talents have contributed to the cultural enrichment of our communities and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that institutions which are founded in educational purpose, and which help to preserve the history and heritage of a people, merit the highest commendation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts upon the occasion of hosting its Inaugural Masquerade Ball celebrated on Thursday, May 14, 2015, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts (MoCADA) uses the visual arts as a point of departure for exploring new artistic productions across a variety of disciplines; and

WHEREAS, Through exhibitions, education and programming, MoCADA incites dialogue on pressing social and political issues facing members of the African Diaspora, while fostering a dynamic space for the creation and continuous evolution of African Diaspora culture; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1999, MoCADA has grown into an organization which serves both children and adults, with an emphasis on underserved communities of color in the New York City area and beyond; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable Brooklyn museum also uses exhibits, films, guest speakers, online media, and television to inspire emerging artists, students of all ages, and the members of the global community

with a budding and established interest in the arts of the African Diaspora; and

WHEREAS, The expert staff of MoCADA, are and always have been characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence, and accordingly merit the applause of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Executive Director James Bartlett, MoCADA looks forward to many years of continued and purposeful growth; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when cultural organizations of such exceptional value and accomplishment 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 honor the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts upon the occasion of hosting its Inaugural Masquerade Ball on May 14, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James Bartlett, Executive Director, Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts.