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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the National Action Network, and recognizing the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration and public policy forum

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is honored to recognize and celebrate individuals and events which commemorate our nation's great struggle to fulfill the promise of equality and opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the National Action Network, and recognize the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration and public policy forum on Monday, January 18, 2016 at the National Action Network's Headquarters, House of Justice, New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, The theme of the 2016 Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration is "Breaking the Cycle of Harm: A Non-Violent Response to Gun Violence"; its focus is the tradition of non-violence as well as creating responsible solutions to gun violence and effective gun control laws; and

WHEREAS, The National Action Network (NAN) is an organization on the forefront of the fight for social justice; during its Silver Anniversary year, this vital group wants to play a substantial role in moving our nation forward; and

WHEREAS, For the past 25 years, NAN has been addressing important issues including income inequality, affordable housing, affordable healthcare, and criminal justice reform, as well as finding effective

solutions to gun violence; and

WHEREAS, How to confront these present challenges and steer the nation on a progressive course depends on our educators, community leaders, and civil rights leaders engaging in a dialogue with community members on issues which affect them; and

WHEREAS, Our society is greatly benefited by the purposeful efforts of individuals who unite for the cause of improving the quality of life for others, and who proactively work toward the goal of dignity for all; 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 commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the National Action Network, and to recognize the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration and public policy forum; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the National Action Network.