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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts upon the occasion of hosting its 2nd Annual Masquerade Ball on May 19, 2016, and paying tribute to this year's honorees

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate those events of historical significance which add strength, vigor and inspiration to the cultural diversity and quality of life in the communities of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts upon the occasion of hosting its 2nd Annual Masquerade Ball to be celebrated on Thursday, May 19, 2016, at the Brooklyn Academy of Music; and

WHEREAS, This year's distinguished honorees are Derrick Adams of the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Founders of Studio One Eighty Nine, Rosario Dawson and Abrima Erwiah; 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 2nd Annual Masquerade Ball on May 19, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James Bartlett, Executive Director, Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts, and the aforementioned honorees.