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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Nadine Kimbrough upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by In Our Own Voices, Inc. on July 17, 2016

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 Nadine Kimbrough upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by In Our Own Voices, Inc., to be celebrated at its Annual Jazz in July Event on Sunday, July 17, 2016, at the State Room, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, In Our Own Voices is an autonomous organization dedicated to addressing the many needs and ensuring the physical, mental, spiritual, political, cultural, and economic survival and growth of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People of Color (LGBT POC) community in the Capital Region of Upstate New York; and

WHEREAS, Nadine "Dean" Kimbrough grew up in Queensbridge Housing Projects, and graduated from LaGuardia Middle College High School; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, Nadine Kimbrough served as a certified floor technician from 1992-1994, and after a brief stay at New York University, decided to work for the First Presbyterian Church of New York City, a position she held from 1994-1999; and

WHEREAS, From 1999-2002, Nadine Kimbrough held the title of Supervisor for the Guardian Cleaning Company; after leaving this position, she went to work for the City of New York at York College from 2002-2009; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, Nadine Kimbrough decided to relocate to Albany, New York; one year later, she graduated from the New School of Radio and Television; while doing her internship at B.E.T. in New York City, she worked on the "106 & Park" television show; and

WHEREAS, After returning to Albany, Nadine Kimbrough held a position at the Wadsworth Center for more than three years; she then began working as a cleaner for the Office of General Services; through the years, she was promoted to the title of Receptionist; and

WHEREAS, Nadine Kimbrough has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, After a devastating time in her life, Nadine Kimbrough decided to give back to her community by giving of her time and energy to In Our Own Voices; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Nadine Kimbrough has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Nadine Kimbrough upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by In Our Own Voices, Inc. on July 17, 2016; and be it further

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