

## 2019-J2161

Senate Resolution No. 2161

BY: Senator BRESLIN

COMMENDING Kizzy Williams upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by In Our Own Voices, Inc. on July 21, 2019

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes the profound impact of those exemplary individuals within the great State of New York who proactively work for the enfranchisement of minority communities, and the importance of such work for the benefit of all citizens of this State, and indeed, all citizens of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Kizzy Williams upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by In Our Own Voices, Inc., to be celebrated at its Jazz in July Event commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising on Sunday, July 21, 2019, at Rivers Casino & Resort in Schenectady, 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, In Our Own Voices is proudly recognizing Kizzy Williams for her tireless efforts in creating positive change in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People of Color communities; and

WHEREAS, After studying hospitality and culinary arts at Monroe College, Kizzy Williams has become a leading area chef, expert on southern cooking, entrepreneur and community supporter and organizer; today, she owns and is the head chef for Allie B's Cozy Kitchen in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Through her restaurant, Kizzy Williams has made numerous charitable donations, such as Allie B's Thanksgiving Giveaway, and has partnered with local organizations to teach individuals about various topics including home ownership, career opportunities, financial stability and how to start one's own business; 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 commend Kizzy Williams upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by In Our Own Voices, Inc. on July 21, 2019; and be it further

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