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Assembly Resolution No. 959

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COMMEMORATING the 10th Anniversary of Hurricane Sandy, which made landfall in the State of New York on October 29, 2012

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes the epic devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy, and the far-reaching loss of life, property damage and emotional trauma that was sustained by the victims of this tragedy; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body, joining with the people of the State of New York, to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of Hurricane Sandy, which made landfall on October 29th, and lasted through October 30, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Sandy, informally referred to as Superstorm Sandy, was the deadliest, most destructive, and strongest hurricane of the 2012 Atlantic hurricane season, causing an untold level of damage; in total, over 300 homes were destroyed and nearly 70,000 residential units were damaged, including in one case where over 100 homes in Breezy Point, Queens were destroyed by a fire; and

WHEREAS, While Hurricane Sandy horribly damaged the State as a whole, it particularly decimated and caused grievous harm to the neighborhoods on the East and South Shores of Staten Island, the shorefront communities of South Queens, and Southern Brooklyn where those communities were directly exposed to storm surge and destructive waves along the shore; it is in those communities that over 90% of the buildings were damaged and over 70% of the buildings were marked as being seriously damaged or destroyed by the Department of Buildings; and

WHEREAS, Upon their lives being completely upended and after losing everything, families were displaced and forced to live in hotels, with relatives in different communities, shelters or other temporary housing units; and

WHEREAS, The result of the storm inflicted over \$32 billion in damage throughout the State of New York, with \$19 billion worth of damage reported directly to New York City; it also caused the death of 53 individuals, with over 40 being from the New York City region, and continues to this day to cause serious psychological trauma to individuals; and

WHEREAS, The Great State of New York was determined to come back from this disaster and through a united front with individuals, heroic volunteers, government agencies and civic groups throughout the State, the communities impacted were able to rebuild and bring in a new age for their neighborhoods and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to pause in order to reflect on this natural disaster one decade later to profoundly mourn the tragic loss of life and livelihood, and to applaud all those individuals who volunteered their time and efforts to the many years of cleaning up and rebuilding in the wake of Hurricane Sandy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of Hurricane Sandy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, any and all community groups and volunteers who assisted others before, during and after Hurricane Sandy.