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**ASSEMBLYMAN KARIM CAMARA, SENATOR RUTH HASSELL-
THOMPSON, FAMILY MEMBERS OF VICTIMS AND OTHER
ELECTED OFFICIALS ANNOUNCE UNPRECEDENTED STATEWIDE
GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION INITIATIVE**

“A Black or Latino youth has a 56% increased likelihood of being injured by gun violence than a motor vehicle accident, this is akin to a public health crisis”

Tuesday April 16th (New York, NY)--On Wednesday, April 17th, 2013, New York State Assemblyman Karim Camara and Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson, will announce the start of an unparalleled statewide initiative to reduce gun violence and the introduction of a joint resolution to mark June as Gun Violence Awareness Month. Simultaneously across the State other Mayors, County Executives and Officials will echo that sentiment with resolutions and proclamations of their own.

The following elected leaders are supporting Camara and Hassell- Thompson in this initiative by announcing resolutions and/or proclamations in their respective areas: Mayors Byron Brown (Buffalo), Stephanie Miner (Syracuse), Gerald Jennings (Albany), Thomas Richards (Rochester), Michael Spano (Yonkers), Wayne Hall Sr. (Hempstead), Ernest Davis (Mount Vernon), County Executive Steve Bellone (Suffolk), Westchester County Board of Legislators Chair Ken Jenkins, Oswego County Board of Legislators Minority Leader Michael Kunzwiler, Town of Lenox Supervisor Rocky DiVeronica (Madison County), Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer (New York County) and Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. (Bronx County).

WHO: Assemblyman Karim Camara, Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson, Mayor Gerald Jennings of Albany, other New York State Elected Officials and family members of gun violence victims

WHERE: LCA press room, Capitol Building, Albany, NY

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

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