



NEW YORK STATE
SENATE



Proclamation

HONORING RENEE GIORDANO UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve in the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, I, New York State Senator Velmanette Montgomery, hereby honor Renee Giordano upon the occasion of her retirement; and

WHEREAS, After twenty years of service, Ms. Giordano will be retiring as Executive Director of the Sunset Park 5th Ave Business Improvement District this year; and

WHEREAS, While raising her family of five children in Sunset Park, Ms. Giordano opened her home as a center to the community; neighbors, elected officials and civic leaders were all familiar with her hospitality and cooking; and

WHEREAS, Among her civic roles, Ms. Giordano was President of the PTA at her children's school, served as President of the Friends of the Sunset Park Library and President of her block association, and she served on a federal committee to improve the United States Postal Service in Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Giordano's greatest contributions came when she blended her activism into her role at the Sunset Park BID; in that capacity, she kept lampposts free of stickers and posters, established the ROSE program, developed one of the largest "Safe Haven" programs in the city, and had the BID act as the fiscal conduit for numerous grass roots civic groups; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Giordano did not stop there, among her other contributions include personally raising \$1.2 million to double the space of the Sunset Park Library, having all of 5th Avenue and the community park wired for free Wi-Fi, developing the 72nd Precinct Challenge Coin program, and bringing over thirty government grants to Sunset Park, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this legislative body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend them for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, That I, New York State Senator Velmanette Montgomery, hereby recognize that in Renee Giordano we have an individual worthy of our highest respect and esteem; and be it further

PROCLAIMED, That a copy of this proclamation be transmitted to Renee Giordano.

Dated:

December 12, 2017

in Witness Whereof, I have Hereunto Set My Hand and Signature

Velmanette Montgomery

New York State Senator

25th Senate District

