

## **New York City Council**

### **Memorandum in Support of Legislation**

*This memorandum is authored by the sponsor and explains the need for the legislation referenced below, in accordance with Rule 6.00(d) of the Rules of the Council.*

#### **Introduction Number:**

LS19696

#### **Prime Sponsors:**

Council Member Brewer

#### **Bill Title:**

A Resolution recognizing animals as sentient beings and calling on the New York State Assembly to pass, the New York State Senate to introduce and pass companion legislation, and the Governor to sign, A.107, recognizing animals as sentient beings statewide and establishing that animals can be victims of a crime

#### **Submitted by:**

Council Member Brewer

#### **Justification:**

Recognizing animals as sentient beings strengthens accountability for cruelty, and ensures animals are treated as victims rather than property.