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Resolution recognizing the contributions of Caribbean Americans and people of Caribbean descent to the City of New York and designating the month of June as “Caribbean Heritage Month.”

By Council Members Comrie, Williams, Arroyo, Barron, Chin, Dickens, Dromm, Eugene, James, King, Koo, Koppell, Koslowitz, Lander, Mendez, Palma, Recchia, Richards and Rose

Whereas, People of Caribbean ancestry have a long and distinguished history in New York City; and

Whereas, New York City’s Caribbean American population represents a wide array of countries, ranging from the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico, to the many islands of the West Indies; and

Whereas, In New York City, there are at least 2.7 million individuals who are of West Indian descent, not including Hispanic origin groups, 761,720 who are of Puerto Rican descent, 622,374 who are of Dominican descent and 38,331 who are of Cuban descent, according to the 2011 American Community Survey; and

Whereas, Caribbeans are among New York City’s oldest and most established ethnic groups, having lived in New York City since the City’s founding in the 17th century; and

Whereas, This remarkably diverse population has brought an extraordinary variety of cultural influences

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into the City; and

Whereas, Caribbean Americans in New York City have risen to distinction in countless fields ranging from government to the arts, and include such influential and accomplished New Yorkers as Alexander Hamilton, the first Secretary of the Treasury, Shirley Chisholm, the first African American elected to the United States Congress, civil rights leader Marcus Garvey, historian and writer Arthur Schomburg, former Secretary of State Colin Powell, actor and musician Harry Belafonte, and legendary actor Sidney Poitier; and

Whereas, In June 2005, the House of Representatives unanimously adopted H. Con. Res. 71, recognizing the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the United States and on February 14, 2006, the resolution similarly passed the Senate; and

Whereas, Since the declaration, the White House has issued an annual proclamation recognizing June as Caribbean-American Heritage Month; and

Whereas, The extraordinary music, dance, poetry, theatre and cuisine of the Caribbean region have greatly enriched the cultural life of New York City; and

Whereas, Caribbean Americans have earned the recognition of New York City's government for the important roles that they and their ancestors have played in the development of the City; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York recognizes the contributions of Caribbean Americans and people of Caribbean descent to the City of New York and designates the month of June as "Caribbean Heritage Month."

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