



Legislation Text

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Resolution recognizing and celebrating the 30th anniversary of legal performance in the New York City subway system.

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Whereas, Freelance artistic performance, including the acceptance of donations, has been legal on the platforms and mezzanines of the subway system since 1985; and

Whereas, The legal right to perform in the subway was deemed rooted in the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States in the Manhattan Criminal Court case *People v. Manning*, decided in 1985; and

Whereas, Artistic performances and the individual freelance performers who provide them have become an intrinsic and defining feature of the New York City subway system; and

Whereas, Artists throughout New York City wish to exercise their right to lawful performance without fear of intimidation, arrest or ejection from the transit system; and

Whereas, September 10, 2015 marked the 30th anniversary of *People v. Manning* and the codification of legal performance in the subway system; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York recognizes and celebrates the 30th anniversary of legal performance in the New York City subway system.

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