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Resolution calling upon the United States Postal Service to ensure that all United States postal workers, including letter carriers, wear an official and complete United States Postal Service uniform during the performance of their duties.

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Whereas, The United States Postal Service has a great and proud history, beginning in 1775 when Benjamin Franklin was appointed the first Postmaster General by the Continental Congress; and

Whereas, The United States Postal Service employs tens of thousands of conscientious men and women who, with great dedication and professionalism, deliver the mail to our homes and offices; and

Whereas, Although mail delivery to large cities began in 1863, no official uniforms were worn until 1868, when citizens became able to easily identify postal workers and letter carriers by their distinctive uniforms, and these uniforms, in varying and evolving styles, have been required to be worn by postal workers ever since; and

Whereas, The ability to identify a postal worker, and particularly a letter carrier, by his or her official uniform provides a sense of security to the postal patron and the public in general; and

Whereas, Although Postal Service rules and regulations and the Postal Worker's Employee Labor Manual require most postal workers to wear uniforms while on duty, the reality is that not all do so, and not all are required to wear a complete official uniform; and

Whereas, While the vast majority of postal workers wear the uniforms they are required to wear, a lack of full compliance with such a requirement compromises the public's ability to accurately identify a postal worker; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the United States Postal Service to ensure that all United States postal workers, including letter carriers, wear a complete and official United States Postal Service uniform during the performance of their official duties.

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