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WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize days of distinction which serve to bring awareness to important goals and objectives that affect the people of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim March 2, 2010, as Minority Women-Business Enterprise (MWBE) Awareness Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Minority Women-Business Enterprise Program is to promote equality of economic opportunities for MWBEs and to eliminate barriers to their participation in State contracts; and

WHEREAS, Through the MWBE Program, minority and women-owned businesses are afforded equal access to contracting opportunities on projects throughout the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, There are 8,266 total minority and women-owned businesses; 4,089 are minority, 5,078 are women, and 913 have dual certification; despite having the second-most women-owned businesses and third-most minority-owned businesses in the country, New York ranks 12th in state spending with such businesses; and

WHEREAS, Small businesses, including minority-owned and women-owned businesses, constitute an important segment of our free enterprise system and generate many of the new jobs created in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Programs of such high purpose and worthy accomplishment such as MWBE's, whose endeavors contribute to the economic health and quality of life of the communities of this great State and Nation, should be recognized and commended for the fundamental role it has played as a pioneer of progress; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that when programs of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim March 2, 2010, as MWBE Awareness Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York.

RESOLEG

SHORT TITLE: Memorializing Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim March 2, 2010, as MWBE Awareness Day in the State of New York

BLURB: MWBE Awareness Day-mem Gov.