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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Glen-Michael Francis upon the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director after many years of distinguished service to GRIOT Circle, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its members; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Glen-Michael Francis upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to GRIOT Circle, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, GRIOT Circle, Inc. is the only community-based organization whose mission is to provide advocacy, programs and services to LGBT Elders of Color; it is a local, regional and national leader for LGBT senior issues; and

WHEREAS, Glen-Michael Francis joined the staff of GRIOT Circle, Inc. as Director of Program Services in 2002; in this role, Glen-Michael Francis drew on his long history of activism and program and advocacy work to significantly enhance and expand the organization's service and program base; and

WHEREAS, Glen-Michael Francis stepped into the role of Executive Director in 2008; his widely respected abilities in grant and program development, advocacy and creative visioning have earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Glen-Michael Francis has left an indelible imprint on the work of GRIOT Circle, Inc.; his transformative influence has been instrumental in creating the collaborative and intergenerational culture of this vital organization; and

WHEREAS, Glen-Michael Francis is also a founding member of the Audre Lorde Project, an Ambassador for American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and has served on numerous advisory boards, including the Leadership Council for the Lesbian and Gay Aging Issues Network of the American Society on Aging, and the Seniors Issues Committee and Governance

Committee of the Empire State Pride Agenda; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Glen-Michael Francis upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to GRIOT Circle, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Glen-Michael Francis.