

RESOLUTION of APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO HEALTHCARE WORKERS

(introduced in CB9-M Health and Environment Committee 3/4/2024)

Whereas, the global pandemic has presented unparalleled challenges, testing the limits of our community's resilience, compassion, and strength; and

Whereas, the pandemic has further highlighted systemic inequities and racism within our healthcare system, disproportionately impacting communities of color and underscoring the critical need for action against such injustices; and

Whereas, healthcare workers from diverse backgrounds have stood at the forefront, battling not only the pandemic but also confronting the complexities of systemic racism, embodying unparalleled dedication and courage; and

Whereas, these individuals, including doctors, nurses, technicians, paramedics, pharmacists, support staff, and all contributors to healthcare facilities, have worked tirelessly, often at great personal sacrifice, to care for the sick, comfort the afflicted, and stem the tide of this pandemic; and

Whereas, Community Board 9 in Manhattan, NYC, acknowledges the significant challenges within our healthcare system, including resource limitations, systemic pressures, and the emotional and physical toll on healthcare workers, compounded by the pervasive issue of racism; and

Whereas, despite these challenges, healthcare workers have demonstrated remarkable resilience and commitment, ensured the ongoing care and well-being of our community members, and advocated for equity and justice within the healthcare system; and

Whereas, the efforts of healthcare workers have been a beacon of hope, showcasing the human spirit's capacity for kindness, empathy, and selflessness in the face of adversity; and

Whereas, Community Board 9, representing a diverse and vibrant Manhattan community, directly benefits from the dedication, expertise, and compassion of these healthcare professionals, who serve as role models in the fight against disease and discrimination;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Community Board 9 in Manhattan, NYC, extends its deepest gratitude and appreciation to all healthcare workers within our community and beyond, for their unwavering commitment to public health, exceptional care of community members, vital role in navigating the pandemic, and courageous stance against racism and inequity;

Be It Further Resolved that this expression of thanks is a token of our immense respect and admiration for their contributions, affirming that the dedication and sacrifices of healthcare workers, in the face of systemic challenges including racism, do not go unnoticed;

Be It Finally Resolved that a copy of this resolution be widely shared within our community and healthcare facilities, as a tangible reminder of our collective gratitude, respect, and support for those who have selflessly protected and healed our community during these trying times, acknowledging their challenges and triumphs against both illness and injustice.

Adopted this [insert date] day of [insert month], 2024, by Community Board 9, Manhattan, NYC.