W}h{e}r{e}as, the Borough of Brooklyn is known for its large, strong, and vibrant Arab community — a group responsible for immeasurably shaping the political landscape upon which our borough currently stands, it is therefore most fitting that we take note of the important cultural, political, and social contributions of Arab-American residents who, for many generations, have greatly enriched the quality of life of our borough and city, and join in honoring those individuals whose dynamic leadership and unwavering commitment remain unsurpassed; and

W}h{e}r{e}as, all of Brooklyn proudly gathers here today upon the momentous occasion of the Arab-American Heritage Celebration, to honor and recognize J.C. Salyer for his efforts to share and advance Arab and Arab-American culture and influence in our great borough and beyond; and

W}h{e}r{e}as, on behalf of all Brooklynites, I salute J.C. Salyer, an anthropologist and a lawyer whose work focuses on societal issues, immigration law, climate change, and social justice; I applaud him for being an assistant professor of practice in the anthropology department and the human rights program at Barnard College, and for his role as the staff attorney for the Arab-American Family Support Center, a community-based organization in Brooklyn, where he runs the organization's immigration law clinic; I commend him for making a positive impact on the lives of others; and I thank him for all that he has done to touch and improve the lives of many, helping to move our communities forward as One Brooklyn;

N}ow, therefore, I, Eric L. Adams, President of the Borough of Brooklyn, do hereby confer this citation on

J.C. Salyer

I}n witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Borough of Brooklyn to be affixed this 4th day of April, 2019.

President of the Borough of Brooklyn