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RESOLUTION ON THE EXTENSION OF VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR GENERAL BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WHEREAS, one of the functions of a community board is to "cooperate with, consult, assist and advise any public officer, agency, local administrators of agencies legislative body or the borough president with respect to any matter relating to the welfare of the district and its residents"; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic has persisted and state of emergency declarations are still in effect for the State of New York and the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 has pushed the COVID alert level in New York City from medium to high amid rise in cases; and

WHEREAS, per the New York City Department of Health, a "high" COVID-19 level alert means there is elevated community spread and increased concerns over the local healthcare infrastructure becoming overburdened; and

WHEREAS, on April 9th, 2022, New York State Governor Kathy Hochul signed Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022 on the New York State budget for FY22-23 which included an amendment to make permanent until July 1st, 2024, the expanded use for videoconferencing by public bodies to conduct open meetings; and

WHEREAS, the community boards have demonstrated the capacity to function virtually while providing open access to board and committee meetings and hearings; and

WHEREAS, community boards in Brooklyn have generally reported increased attendance of board members and the general public on virtual meeting platforms;

THEREFORE it is **RESOLVED**, Brooklyn Community Board 9 is in support of the amendment to make permanent until July 1st, 2024, the expanded use for videoconferencing by public bodies to conduct open meetings;

It is **RESOLVED**, Brooklyn Community Board 9 will continue to hold virtual meetings while a state of emergency is either declared by for the State of New York or the City of New York, respectively,

It is **ALSO RESOLVED** that the Mayor of the City of New York and the City Council allocate additional funding to community boards for the purpose of expanding their capacity to support fully virtual and hybrid meetings during the state of emergency and thereafter.

PROPOSED MAY 24TH, 2022