



**OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER
STATE OF NEW YORK**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Upstate Minority Economic Alliance is joining together with a diverse range of community stakeholders to host their annual Financial Empowerment Summit virtually, and the Office of the State Comptroller is recognizing the leadership of Me'Shae Brooks-Rolling in planning and artfully adapting this important event; and

WHEREAS, a long-time Syracuse resident, Me'Shae Brooks-Rolling has been an entrepreneur, author, financial literacy educator, franchise owner and operator, event planner and director of special events, and tireless community activist, and in September 2020 she was appointed Executive Director of the Upstate Minority Economic Alliance, following a year of service as interim director, embracing the challenge of continuing to help UMEA members achieve resilience and realize their aspirations; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Me'Shae Brooks-Rolling works with a variety of professional and charitable organizations, most recently joining M&T Bank's regional advisory board, and her colleagues appreciate her wise guidance, her business expertise, her devotion to harnessing the economic power of the minority community for the good of the region, her talent for collaboration, her boundless energy and her kind heart; now let it be

PROCLAIMED, that State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli does hereby congratulate and applaud Me'Shae Brooks-Rolling for her outstanding service; and be it further

PROCLAIMED, that on this 9th day of April, two thousand twenty-one, Comptroller DiNapoli does join with the people of upstate New York in thanking Me'Shae Brooks-Rolling, and wishing her great happiness.



A handwritten signature of Thomas P. DiNapoli in blue ink is located in the bottom right corner.

**Thomas P. DiNapoli
State Comptroller**