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**Resolution: Support of a new Wine and Beer License for Frehiwot Worke Reta, d/b/a Abyssinia Ethiopian Restaurant located at 268 West 135<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10030**

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) has the jurisdiction to issue on-premise licenses according to the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Laws, and is responsible for enforcing those laws; and

**WHEREAS**, Manhattan Community Board 10 reviews all new applications and offers guidance to the SLA about the potential impact of a license on public safety and quality of life in our neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Boards, as part of their due diligence process, review an applicant's proposed methods of operations for the subject restaurant/bar or lounge; price points; employee hiring processes; employee wages and benefits; and community involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, Frehiwot Worke Reta, an individual, is applying for a Wine and Beer License for an existing establishment known as Abyssinia Ethiopian Restaurant (hereinafter, "Abyssinia") located at 268 West 135<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10030; and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant appeared at a public meeting of Community Board 10's Economic Development Committee on December 13, 2012 and presented the following information;

1. Frehiwot Worke Reta is the sole proprietor of Abyssinia Ethiopian Restaurant. The restaurant serves lunch and dinner comprised of Ethiopian styled cuisine, including chicken, beef, lamb and vegetarian dishes.
2. Food selections are priced between \$4.00 and \$16.00.
3. Abyssinia's floor plans include 600 square feet on the ground floor level with seating accommodating 12 patrons.
4. Abyssinia's business hours Tuesday through Sunday, 11:00 am to 10:00 pm. The restaurant currently does not open on Mondays.

5. Abyssinia provides recorded background music and no live entertainment.
6. Abyssinia currently employs three family members and a cook who lives in the community. They may hire an additional host and/or waiter in the future. The applicant provides on-the-job training to its employees.
7. The applicant believes that it is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**WHEREAS**, there has been no indication of any opposition to this application from the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Economic Development Committee on December 13, 2012 voted 11-yes, 0-no, and 1-abstentions to support this application;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on January 2, 2013 the Manhattan Community Board 10 supports the Wine and Beer application of Frehiwot Worke Reta with a vote of 29 in favor, 3 opposed and 0 abstentions.