# New York City Council

# Memorandum in Support of Legislation

*This memorandum is authored by the sponsor and explains the need for the legislation referenced below, in accordance with Rule 6.00(d) of the Rules of the Council.*

**Introduction Number:**

Int. No.

**Prime Sponsors:**

Council Member Abreu

**Bill Title:**

A local law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the commissioner of homeless services coordinating with hospitals to make certain supplies available to discharged patients during certain weather events.

**Submitted by:**

Council Member Abreu

**Justification:**

Extreme weather events, including extreme heat (Code Red) and cold (Code Blue), pose elevated threats to individuals experiencing homelessness. When discharged from hospitals, patients experiencing homelessness often do not have appropriate clothing or supplies to keep them safe during extreme heat or cold. Providing patients in need with basic supplies during extreme weather events such as a mylar heat blanket, hand warmers, gloves, a hat, a water bottle, cooling wipes, and a bandana will help prepare them for hospital discharge.