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**BREWER LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN IN SUPPORT OF  
PUBLIC HEALTH LEGISLATION**

*Members to Introduce Law Insuring Minimum Paid Sick Leave for All New Yorkers*

**Who: Council Member Gale A. Brewer**  
**When: Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 12:00 pm**  
**What: New York City Council Pre-Stated Council Meeting Press Conference**  
**Where: Front Steps, City Hall**

**CITY HALL** – On Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at noon, New York City Council Member Gale A. Brewer (D-Manhattan) and will be holding a press conference on the steps of city hall to announce the launch of a campaign in support of her upcoming introduction of the Employee Earned Paid Sick Days bill. Slated for introduction at the Stated Council Meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>, the bill will insure that all employees working in the City of New York can earn a minimum number of paid sick days.

This bill will cover those working in New York City, except for those Federal, state and municipal employees who are covered by other laws. Though employers will have the option to provide more paid leave, the bill provides that employees will earn one hour of paid sick time fore every 30 hours worked, up to a maximum of nine days per year for larger employers; no small business would be required to provide more than five days. Paid leave time could be used in the event an individual or a family member requires preventive care or treatment for a current illness, when a place of business or child's school is closed by a public official for public health reasons, and for domestic violence victims to tend to their medical, court or relocation needs. Similar legislation has already been enacted in San Francisco, Washington D.C. and Milwaukee.