

Office of the Mayor

CITY OF NEW YORK



Proclamation

WHEREAS: NATIVE AMERICANS WERE THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF WHAT IS NOW NEW YORK CITY, AND THEY CONTINUE TO MAKE IMPORTANT AND LASTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CULTURAL RICHNESS OF OUR GREAT CITY. THAT IS WHY I AM PLEASED TO JOIN WITH LOTUS MUSIC & DANCE AND THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION IN CELEBRATING THE SEVENTH ANNUAL "DRUMS ALONG THE HUDSON: A NATIVE AMERICAN FESTIVAL." THIS EVENT PROVIDES A TERRIFIC OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE OF ALL BACKGROUNDS TO CELEBRATE NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE.

WHEREAS: TAKING PLACE IN ONE OF OUR CITY'S MOST BEAUTIFUL PARKS, INWOOD HILL PARK, THIS FESTIVAL ALSO AIMS TO BRING ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND PRESERVING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES. IN ADDITION TO EXHIBITIONS OF WORLD DANCE AND DRUMMING TRADITIONS, NATIVE AMERICAN CRAFTS, AND INTERNATIONAL CUISINES, THERE IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL TENT FEATURING PRESENTATIONS ENCOURAGING AN ECO-FRIENDLY LIFESTYLE. I HOPE EVERYONE STOPS BY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT EACH INDIVIDUAL CAN DO TO ENSURE A GREATER AND GREENER FUTURE FOR NEW YORK, IN LINE WITH OUR *PLANYC* SUSTAINABILITY GOALS.

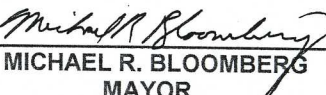
WHEREAS: I AM PLEASED TO COMMEND LOTUS MUSIC & DANCE, THE HUDSON RIVER FOUNDATION, JPMORGAN CHASE, WABC-TV, AND ALL THOSE WHOSE GENEROSITY AND DEDICATION HAVE MADE POSSIBLE THIS CELEBRATION, WHICH WILL ENTERTAIN AND ENLIGHTEN SO MANY NEW YORKERS AND VISITORS. IN ADDITION, I OFFER SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO TODAY'S HONOREES: TOM PORTER, MOHAWK ELDER AND AUTHOR; AND LAURA TURNER SEYDEL, ENVIRONMENTALIST AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CAPTAIN PLANET FOUNDATION. MR. PORTER IS DOING TREMENDOUS WORK TO PRESERVE THE IROQUOIS HERITAGE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS, AND MS. SEYDEL IS A TIRELESS ADVOCATE OF ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY LIVING PRACTICES FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES. BOTH ARE GUARANTEEING A BETTER FUTURE FOR ALL NEW YORKERS, AND I APPLAUD THEM AS THEY RECEIVE THIS MUCH-DESERVED RECOGNITION. BEST WISHES TO ALL THOSE IN ATTENDANCE FOR AN ENJOYABLE DAY OF FESTIVITIES.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, IN RECOGNITION OF THIS IMPORTANT EVENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SUNDAY, MAY 17TH, 2009 IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS:

"DRUMS ALONG THE HUDSON DAY"



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, THIS 15TH DAY OF MAY, 2009.


MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG
MAYOR