

Office of the Mayor

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Proclamation

WHEREAS: IN 1996, MAYOR RUDY GIULIANI PRESIDED OVER THE MARRIAGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY. SOME SAID IT WOULD NEVER WORK - THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES WAS TOO YOUNG, THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY MIGHT NOT WANT KIDS, THEY WERE BOTH TOO HEADSTRONG, ETC. TEN YEARS LATER, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE NAYSAYERS SHOULD HAVE FOREVER HELD THEIR PEACE.

WHEREAS: THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INCORPORATES THE BEST QUALITIES OF EACH PARENT AGENCY. WHETHER YOU ARE AN ADOLESCENT HOPING TO IMPROVE YOUR READING SKILLS, A CONCERNED CITIZEN SEEKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, OR A WORKING PARENT IN SEARCH OF AN APPROPRIATE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR YOUR CHILD, DYCD IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING THE HIGH-QUALITY SERVICES THAT EVERY NEW YORKER DESERVES.

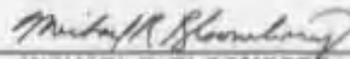
WHEREAS: TODAY WE GATHER AT THE SMITHSONIAN'S NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN TO CELEBRATE NOT ONLY DYCD'S DECADE OF SUCCESS, BUT ALSO ITS LIMITLESS POTENTIAL. IT IS REMARKABLE THAT A SINGLE AGENCY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A GROUNDBREAKING RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH PROGRAM, AN EXTENSIVE NETWORK OF NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARDS, AND AN IMMENSELY POPULAR SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM, NOT TO MENTION THE NATION'S LARGEST MUNICIPALLY FUNDED AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM. WE ARE ESPECIALLY PROUD OF THE BEACON AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM, A PIONEERING INITIATIVE THAT HAS FLOURISHED OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS. EVERYONE ATTENDING THIS MAGNIFICENT ANNIVERSARY EVENT SHOULD TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN THE CONTRIBUTIONS THEY HAVE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AN AGENCY THAT EMBODIES NEW YORK CITY'S MOST CHERISHED PRINCIPLES.

NOW THEREFORE I, MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, ON BEHALF OF THE MILLIONS OF NEW YORKERS WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY THIS EXEMPLARY AGENCY, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2006 IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS

"DYCD TURNS TENI DAY"



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK TO BE AFFIXED.


MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG
MAYOR