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## **Fannie Pennington Street Co-Naming Resolution**

**RESOLUTION:** To support the Co-Naming at the northeast corner of West 123<sup>rd</sup> Street and Manhattan Avenue to Fannie Pennington Way.

**WHEREAS:** Fannie Pennington’s service to the Harlem Community was an outgrowth of her lifetime of service to her church. Abyssinian Baptist Church.

**WHEREAS:** “Ms. P,” as she was affectionately called was born on February 1, 1914 in New York City. She lived most of her life in 540 Manhattan Avenue at West 123<sup>rd</sup> Street.

**WHEREAS:** Ms. Pennington served as an usher for both Reverend, Dr. Calvin O. Butts and the late Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. She also served on the Abyssinian Baptist Church Progressive Ladies Usher Board, the Welcome & Hospitality Committee, the Socialite Club, the Women’s Day Committee and the Courtesy Guild

**WHEREAS:** Ms. Pennington hosted, welcomed and accommodated many dignitaries & Civil Rights leaders who visited Harlem. They included Mary McLeod Bethune, emperor Hailie Selassie I, Malcolm X, Fidel Castro, Explorer Matt Henson. Women’s Day participant Moms Mabley. Ambassador & Georgia Mayor Andrew Young, Gil Noble, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Wynton Marsalis concert and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**WHEREAS:** Ms. P. was employed at the New York City Board of Elections and was a member of the Alfred Isaac Democratic Club renamed the Fredrick Samuel Democratic Club.

**WHEREAS:** Once retired Ms. P volunteered at the Board of Elections registering Harlem voters and training others on election, day and working the polls.

**WHEREAS:** Considered one of Harlem’s Glamour Ladies Ms. P lead a full life. Honored by numerous organizations such as the NAACP and received The City Council Citation.

**WHEREAS:** Ms. Fannie Pennington died at the age of 99.

**WHEREAS:** Ms. Fannie Pennington was a trailblazer whose municipal efforts commenced from the days of the post Harlem Renaissance and long after. Her life was dedicated to supporting fellow Harlemites from the very young to adults.

**WHEREAS**, We the undersigned fully support Grant Harper Reid's Efforts to co-name West 123<sup>rd</sup> Street & Manhattan Avenue (North/East corner) after his late grandmother community activist and Harlem matriarch, Fannie Pennington.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Manhattan Community Board 10 wishes to remember Fannie Pennington by formally requesting that New York City Council and the Mayor of New York City enact legislation to support the Co-Naming at the corner of West 123<sup>rd</sup> Street & Manhattan Avenue to Fannie Pennington Way.

The Historic Preservation and Transportation Committee of CB 10 voted on this item May 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 with a vote of 6 in favor 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.