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**Michael Lancaster Street Co-Naming Resolution**

**WHEREAS:** Michael Lancaster was born March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1954 to Etta Mae and James Lancaster in Rocky Mountain, North Carolina. James and Etta Mae moved their family to New York when Michael was a young boy.

**WHEREAS:** Michael attended and graduated from Julia Richmond High School. Mr. Lancaster loved History and current events. He became an accomplished artist and photographer. Michael Lancaster's education and knowledge went well beyond the halls of traditional learning.

**WHEREAS:** Michael Lancaster was affectionately known as the Mayor of his neighborhood, the mentor in his community where his involvement, compassion and caring for his neighbors was contagious.

**WHEREAS:** Mr. Lancaster was a mentor to many young men in the community and set a bar of excellence which will truly be missed. Lancaster was the Vice President and Treasurer of 5 Star gardens, Community Board member of Harlem Children's Zone, President of the 121<sup>st</sup> Street Home Owner's Association, President of the Block Association, a volunteer for New York Cares, voting member of Manhattan Land Trust since its inception 16 years ago. Michael advocated abolishing stop and frisk and worked tirelessly with the New York State Nurses Association for safe patient handling and safe nurse to patient ratios.

**WHEREAS:** Michael Lancaster held court on his stoop at 269 West 121<sup>st</sup> Street, where all were welcome. No matter your faith, your nationality or background, Mr. Lancaster had a smile for each and every person he met.

**WHEREAS:** Michael made sure all were safe, shoveled snow from the corners and when questioned; he expressed the importance of safety for seniors, mothers and children.

**WHEREAS:** Michael Lancaster treated every single citizen with dignity and respect, whether you were a politician or a junkie, homeless or a homeowner. Strength of character is what Mr. Lancaster determined to spread throughout his community and his neighborhood. You may meet him as a stranger however you walked away family.

**WHEREAS:** We will all miss Michael Lancaster the Mayor of 121<sup>st</sup> Street.

**WHEREAS;** 121<sup>st</sup> and Frederick Douglass Blvd shall be co-named Michael Lancaster Way

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