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Resolution in Support of Designating the Mount Morris Park Historic District Extension

WHEREAS, on November 3, 1971 the Landmarks Preservation Commission designated an area West of Mt. Morris Park (since renamed Marcus Garvey Park) as a Historic District, to be known as the Mt. Morris Park Historic District; and

WHEREAS, the designation report found the area to have “a special character and special historic and aesthetic interest and value”; and

WHEREAS, the findings of the designation report also highlighted the “fine cross section of architectural styles of the latter part of the 19th and of the early part of the 20th centuries”, the “many fine rows of town houses”, and “several handsome churches”, as well as the “outstanding” “quality of design and workmanship in the area”; and

WHEREAS, the protections conferred by the designation have helped to maintain and preserve these valuable buildings through difficult times, and are an important safeguard to ensure that they continue to be preserved as the neighborhood faces increasing real estate pressures; and

WHEREAS, many buildings of the same character, scale, style and history were not included in the boundaries of the Mt. Morris Park Historic District even though they contribute to the distinct sense of place of the Historic District; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 Manhattan Community Board 10 issued a *Comprehensive Preservation Plan* which proposed expanding the boundaries of the Mt. Morris Park Historic District to include these surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Preservation Commission has studied Manhattan Community Board 10’s proposal and is considering designating the study area shown in the attached map; and

WHEREAS, there is wide support among the affected homeowners, as well as from neighborhood and preservationist groups to expand the boundaries of the district;

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that on April 1, 2015, the Manhattan Borough Community Board 10 supports the designation of the Mt. Morris Park Historic District Extension as proposed in the study area with a vote of 35 in favor, 1 opposed and 0 abstentions.