

Office of the Mayor

CITY OF NEW YORK



Proclamation

WHEREAS: NEW YORK CITY HAS A RICH HISTORY OF PHILANTHROPY. FROM COOPER UNION TO CARNEGIE HALL, THE GENEROSITY OF INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS HAS LEFT AN ENDURING IMPACT ON OUR CITY. TODAY, THE FOUNDATION CENTER, ONE OF OUR FOREMOST NATIONAL AUTHORITIES ON PHILANTHROPY, CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY WITH A SYMPOSIUM ON THE FUTURE OF PHILANTHROPY.

WHEREAS: SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1956, THIS VITAL ORGANIZATION HAS CONNECTED NONPROFITS AND THEIR SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS TO THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO CHANGE THE WORLD – INCLUDING DATABASES ON GRANT MAKERS AND THEIR GRANTS, RESEARCH ON TRENDS IN GIVING, AND CLASSES ON FUNDRAISING. TODAY, THE CENTER SUPPORTS AN ASTOUNDING 837,000 NONPROFITS WITH COMBINED ASSETS OF OVER \$1.7 TRILLION, AND IS CONSTANTLY WORKING TO HELP FOUNDATIONS DEMONSTRATE THEIR VALUE TO SOCIETY, FIND DONORS, AND MEET OUR COMMUNITIES' CHANGING NEEDS.

WHEREAS: 2006 WAS A BANNER YEAR FOR THE CENTER, AS IT INTRODUCED A NUMBER OF VITAL INITIATIVES. THESE INCLUDED A NEW RESEARCH INSTITUTE, WHICH WILL INNOVATE FORMS OF GIVING, PROVIDE DEEP ANALYSIS OF POLICY AND PRACTICE DEBATES; AND "FC ANYWHERE," WHICH, AS ITS NAME SUGGESTS, GIVES GRANT SEEKER AUDIENCES LOCATED ANYWHERE AND EVERYWHERE ACCESS TO INFORMATION SERVICES AND EDUCATION.

WHEREAS: PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT ONCE SAID: "DO WHAT YOU CAN, WITH WHAT YOU HAVE, WHERE YOU ARE." AS CITIZENS OF THE WORLD, WE HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND FACILITATE IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT NEW YORK CITY AND BEYOND. WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE FOUNDATION CENTER FOR HELPING TO EQUIP PHILANTHROPISTS TO MEET THE CHALLENGES THEY FACE IN THE 21ST CENTURY – AND ENSURE A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR US ALL.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, IN RECOGNITION OF THIS IMPORTANT ANNIVERSARY, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 2006 IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS



"FOUNDATION CENTER DAY"

Michael R. Bloomberg
MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG
MAYOR

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