

# Office of the Mayor

CITY OF NEW YORK



# Proclamation

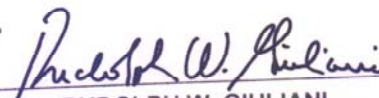
WHEREAS: IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE ATTACK ON THE WORLD TRADE CENTER, NEW YORKERS' LOVE OF UNITY AND PRIDE IN THEIR CITY IS STRONGER THAN EVER. OUR CITY'S UNPARALLELED DIVERSITY HAS ALLOWED US TO MEET THE WORST OF HUMANITY WITH THE BEST OF HUMANITY. THIS MAKES IT THE PERFECT TIME TO REFLECT ON NEW YORK CITY'S UNIQUE HISTORY, WHICH IS EXPLORED FROM THE FIFTH THROUGH THE FOURTEENTH OF OCTOBER WITH LECTURES, BUS AND WALKING TOURS, AND SPECIAL EXHIBITS AT MUSEUMS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. THE WEEK IS SPONSORED BY THE GOTHAM CENTER FOR NEW YORK CITY HISTORY, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SEVERAL CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONS. THE EVENTS BEGIN WITH A FREE CONFERENCE WHICH EXPLORES OUR CITY'S PAST WITH MORE THAN 100 PRESENTATIONS, INCLUDING TALKS, EXHIBITS, AND FILM SCREENINGS. EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK'S GRADUATE CENTER. MUSEUMS, HISTORICAL SOCIETIES, LIBRARIES, SCHOOLS, AND OTHER GROUPS ALSO SPONSOR TOURS THROUGHOUT THE FIVE BOROUGHS; AND

WHEREAS: THE GOTHAM CENTER GATHERS MATERIALS ABOUT OUR CITY'S HISTORY AND USES THEM TO PRESENT INNOVATIVE PUBLIC PROGRAMS WHICH HELP ALL NEW YORKERS TO UNDERSTAND THEIR CITY'S HISTORY. THE CENTER IS CURRENTLY COORDINATING EFFORTS TO PRESERVE RECORDS AND DOCUMENT THE WORLD TRADE CENTER TRAGEDY AND THE ONGOING RECOVERY PROCESS; AND

WHEREAS: NEW YORK CITY WAS ESTABLISHED AS THE DUTCH COLONY OF NEW AMSTERDAM, WHICH BEGAN OUR CITY'S DEVELOPMENT AS A WORLD LEADER IN COMMERCE AND CULTURE. THE WIDE RANGE OF CULTURAL INFLUENCES THAT IMMIGRATION HAS BROUGHT TO NEW YORK CITY CONTINUES TO THIS DAY -- MAKING OUR CITY A GLOBAL SOCIETY. BUT THROUGHOUT NEW YORK CITY'S HISTORY, OUR RESIDENTS' STRENGTH AND COURAGE, AS WELL AS OUR CULTURAL DIFFERENCES, HAVE HELPED DETERMINE OUR CITY'S CHARACTER. IT IS THIS STRENGTH WHICH HAS ALLOWED US TO BUILD OUR CITY INTO THE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. IT WILL ALSO ALLOW US TO REBUILD OUR LIVES AFTER THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11. THIS EVENT WILL FOREVER BE A PART OF OUR HISTORY, AND OUR ABILITY TO GROW STRONGER AS A RESULT OF THIS EXPERIENCE WILL ENSURE THAT OUR CITY CONTINUES TO BUILD UPON ITS LEGACY OF FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY,

NOW THEREFORE, I, RUDOLPH W. GIULIANI, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, IN RECOGNITION OF THIS IMPORTANCE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 5-14, 2001 IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS

"NEW YORK CITY HISTORY WEEK"

  
RUDOLPH W. GIULIANI  
MAYOR

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

