

# Office of the Mayor

CITY OF NEW YORK



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS:** NEW YORK CITY OWES MUCH OF ITS VITALITY TO THE THEATRICAL COMMUNITY, WHICH SINCE 1874 HAS BEEN REPRESENTED BY THE LAMBS. AS AMERICA'S FIRST PROFESSIONAL THEATRICAL CLUB, THE LAMBS BOASTS A RICH TRADITION AS THE SOCIAL GATHERING PLACE FOR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY, INCLUDING PERFORMERS, DIRECTORS, WRITERS, AND TECHNICIANS. THE CLUB REMAINS A PLACE WHERE MEMBERS CAN ENJOY THE COMPANY OF THEIR PEERS AND HONE THEIR CRAFT.

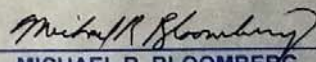
**WHEREAS:** SINCE ITS FOUNDING, MORE THAN 6,000 LAMBS HAVE RAISED A TOAST TO THE CLUB'S MOTTO, FLOREANT AGNI – "MAY THE LAMBS FLOURISH." THIS RENOWNED GROUP INCLUDES SUCH GREATS AS FRED ASTAIRE, IRVING BERLIN, W.C. FIELDS, AND WILL ROGERS. THESE FAMOUS MEMBERS WOULD BE PLEASED TO KNOW THAT THE LAMBS FOUNDATION CONTINUES TO SUPPORT WORTHY CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS.

**WHEREAS:** OSCAR WILDE SAID: "I REGARD THE THEATRE AS THE GREATEST OF ALL ART FORMS, THE MOST IMMEDIATE WAY IN WHICH A HUMAN BEING CAN SHARE WITH ANOTHER THE SENSE OF WHAT IT IS TO BE A HUMAN BEING." THE DISTINGUISHED HISTORY OF THE LAMBS IS A VINDICATION OF WILDE'S SENTIMENT, PROOF OF THEATER'S CONTINUING RELEVANCE AND VITALITY. TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE 129TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLUB'S OFFICIAL INCORPORATION IN 1877. NEW YORK CITY TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEND THE LAMBS ON ITS MANY CULTURAL AND CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS.

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

"THE LAMBS DAY"



  
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.