

Office of the Mayor
CITY OF NEW YORK

Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** THERE ARE MORE THAN A BILLION YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE PLANET, INCLUDING MORE THAN A MILLION ENROLLED IN NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS. WHILE THEY MAY NOT YET HAVE EARNED THE RIGHT TO VOTE, THEIR VOICES STILL GATHER IN BARCELONA, SPAIN IN CELEBRATION OF THE THIRD WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL. ORGANIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS, THIS EVENT PROVIDES YOUTH WITH A VENUE TO DISCUSS THEIR COMMON CONCERNS, STRENGTHEN GLOBAL SOLIDARITY, AND ASSERT THEIR RIGHTS AS CITIZENS OF THE WORLD.
- WHEREAS:** OF COURSE, WORLD YOUTH DAY CELEBRATIONS ARE NOT RESTRICTED TO SPAIN. YOUNG PEOPLE THE WORLD OVER WILL MARK THE DAY WITH CONCERTS, ATHLETIC EVENTS, ART EXHIBITS, DEBATES, AND WORKSHOPS. THE YOUTH OF NEW YORK CITY, COMPRISED OF CHILDREN FROM EVERY NATION, ARE ESPECIALLY RECEPTIVE TO THE CELEBRATION'S MESSAGE OF PEACE, EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT, CULTURAL DIVERSITY, AND DEMOCRACY.
- WHEREAS:** THE DEPARTMENT OF THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IS THE PRIMARY PROMOTER OF WORLD YOUTH DAY IN NEW YORK CITY. THE DEPARTMENT IS CHARGED WITH PROMOTING THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL AWARENESS OF THE CITY'S YOUNG PEOPLE, RECOGNIZING THAT OUR DEMOCRACY IS DEPENDENT UPON AN EDUCATED AND ENGAGED YOUTH POPULATION. NEW YORK CITY IS DEDICATED TO ENCOURAGING DIALOGUE BETWEEN YOUTH ASSOCIATIONS AND GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS. ON WORLD YOUTH DAY, NEW YORKERS ENJOY A RENEWED SENSE OF HOPE, AS THE WORLD'S YOUNG PEOPLE GATHER TO CHART THEIR FUTURE COURSE.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, IN RECOGNITION OF THIS IMPORTANT EVENT, DO HEREBY DECLARE THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2004 IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS

"INTERNATIONAL YOUTH 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.