

# Office of the Mayor

CITY OF NEW YORK



# Proclamation

WHEREAS:

EVERY SEPTEMBER, AUTUMN ARRIVES ON A GUST OF COOL AIR, AND THE FIVE BOROUGHS BUZZ WITH BACK-TO-SCHOOL-ENERGY AS NEW YORK'S FAMILIES GET READY FOR THEIR CHILD'S NEXT ACADEMIC ADVENTURE. THANKS TO CHANCELLOR FARIÑA AND HER EXTRAORDINARY TEAM AT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE SCHOOL YEAR HAS GOTTEN OFF TO A STRONG AND SMOOTH START, WITH 1.1 MILLION STUDENTS ON TRACK TO RECEIVE THE SUPPORT THEY NEED TO THRIVE. WITH 65,000-PLUS KIDS IN FULL-DAY PRE-K, 106,000 MIDDLE SCHOOLERS IN CITY-FUNDED AFTERSCHOOL, 130 NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, 94 RENEWAL SCHOOLS, 40 NEW DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS AND A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL REFORMS IN THE WORKS, NEW YORKERS HAVE A GREAT DEAL TO CELEBRATE THIS FALL!

WHEREAS:

TODAY, I AM DELIGHTED TO RECOGNIZE A TERRIFIC STATEWIDE INITIATIVE, THE NINTH ANNUAL DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY, WHICH INVITES FATHERS/MALE CAREGIVERS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR COMMITMENT TO THEIR CHILD BY DROPPING THEM OFF AT SCHOOL IN THE MORNING. CONCEIVED IN RESPONSE TO RESEARCH INDICATING THAT KIDS WHOSE FATHERS/MALE CAREGIVERS PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THEIR EDUCATION ARE MORE LIKELY TO GET GOOD GRADES, ENJOY CLASSES AND STAY IN SCHOOL, DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY IS A WELCOME REMINDER THAT WE ALL HAVE AN IMPORTANT AND SINGULAR ROLE TO PLAY IN OUR CHILDREN'S LIVES—AND THAT COOPERATION IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS. FATHERHOOD COMES WITH BOTH PROFOUND JOY AND GREAT RESPONSIBILITY— IT IS CERTAINLY ONE OF MY LIFE'S MOST REWARDING AND CHALLENGING JOURNEYS—AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND MY APPRECIATION TO ALL THE DEDICATED MALE ROLE MODELS THROUGHOUT OUR GREAT CITY WHO WORK DAY IN AND DAY OUT TO LIFT UP THE NEXT GENERATION.

WHEREAS:

I APPLAUD THE NYC ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND ALL OF THEIR STATE AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR CONTINUING A PROUD NEW YORK TRADITION. AND TO ALL THE FATHERS, STEPFATHERS, FOSTER FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS, UNCLES, BIG BROTHERS AND MENTORS IN ATTENDANCE TODAY, PLEASE KNOW YOU ARE MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE IN A YOUNG PERSON'S LIFE! AS MAYOR, I PROMISE TO USE EVERY TOOL AT MY DISPOSAL TO SUPPORT YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES IN THE MONTHS AND YEARS TO COME. AFTER ALL, NEW YORK CITY MAY HAVE 8.5 MILLION RESIDENTS, BUT AT ITS CORE WE ARE ONE BIG FAMILY. WE OWE IT TO EACH OTHER— AND TO OURSELVES— TO BUILD THE BRIGHTEST FUTURE POSSIBLE. LOOKING AROUND OUR CITY TODAY, IT IS CLEAR WE ARE WELL ON OUR WAY.

NOW THEREFORE, I, BILL DE BLASIO, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2015 IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS:

"DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY"



*Bill De Blasio*

BILL DE BLASIO  
MAYOR