



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, NY 10007

November 11, 2009

Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to welcome all those attending the Nations Parade, commemorating the 90th Anniversary of the Veterans Day Parade.

Each year, Veterans Day gives us an important opportunity to pay tribute to the brave men and women who have risked all to defend our country and the principles that have shaped its great history. Whether these courageous Americans served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq, Afghanistan, or elsewhere, we are eternally grateful for all they have done to promote freedom and keep us safe from harm. Their service and sacrifice sets an example we can all learn from, and which we can be proud to celebrate today.

There are approximately 300,000 veterans who live in the New York City area, including 9,000 who currently work for the City. We are committed to meeting the needs of our military and veteran community, and we are grateful for partner organizations like the United War Veterans Council that share our goals. On behalf of all New Yorkers, I am pleased to recognize those associated with the Council for hosting this event and doing so much to improve the lives of our City's veterans. Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable Veterans Day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor