

Office of the Mayor

CITY OF NEW YORK



Proclamation

LUPUS, A CHRONIC AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE FOR WHICH THERE IS NO KNOWN CAUSE OR CURE, AFFECTS NEARLY 1.5 MILLION AMERICANS. NINETY PERCENT ARE WOMEN, MANY OF WHOM ARE IN THE PRIME OF THEIR LIVES. A DIAGNOSIS OF LUPUS PROVOKES MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS, BUT ANYONE FACING THE DISEASE CAN TAKE COMFORT IN THE SUPPORT OF THE S.L.E. LUPUS FOUNDATION. ESTABLISHED IN 1970, THIS PIONEERING ORGANIZATION EMBODIES NEW YORK CITY'S HIGHEST IDEALS.

THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION IS HEARTENING PROOF THAT EVEN THE MOST FRUSTRATING OBSTACLES CAN BE SURMOUNTED WHEN CITIZENS WORK TOGETHER TOWARDS A COMMON GOAL. WHETHER PRODUCING A TELEVISION PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN, FUNDING PROMISING RESEARCH PROGRAMS, OR CONNECTING PATIENTS TO KNOWLEDGEABLE DOCTORS, THE FOUNDATION IS COMMITTED TO STRENGTHENING BOTH THE MINDS AND THE BODIES OF PEOPLE WITH LUPUS. THROUGH ITS OFFICES IN NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES, THE FOUNDATION IS IMPROVING LIVES AS IT MOVES FORWARD IN THE SEARCH FOR A CURE.

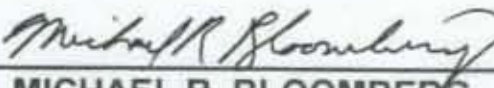
TONIGHT, WE RAISE OUR COLLECTIVE VOICE (WHICH IS ALL THE MORE MELODIOUS THANKS TO THE PRESENCE OF THE LEGENDARY TONY BENNETT) IN A TOAST TO THE COUNTLESS SUPPORTERS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE S.L.E. FOUNDATION'S AMAZING SUCCESS. IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO COMMEND WILLIAM E. PAUL, M.D., THIS YEAR'S SCIENTIFIC HONOREE AND THE NATION'S PREEMINENT VOICE IN IMMUNOLOGY.

I AM ESPECIALLY PROUD TO JOIN THE FOUNDATION IN HONORING MY VERY GOOD FRIENDS, JENNIE L. AND RICHARD K. DESCHERER. WHEN JENNIE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH LUPUS, SHE TURNED TO THE S.L.E. FOUNDATION FOR KNOWLEDGE AND SUPPORT. IT SHOULD SURPRISE NO ONE ACQUAINTED WITH JENNIE AND DICK TO LEARN THAT THE COUPLE QUICKLY PROGRESSED FROM PATRONS TO PARTICIPANTS, AND FROM PARTICIPANTS TO LEADERS. TO ATTEND A BOARD MEETING AND WATCH DICK FULFILL HIS DUTIES AS PRESIDENT, OR TO DISCUSS THE FOUNDATION'S LATEST RESEARCH INITIATIVE WITH JENNIE (WHOSE SOUTHERN-INFLECTED VOICE WOULD GIVE MR. BENNETT A RUN FOR HIS MONEY), IS TO BE CONVINCED OF THE COUPLE'S PROFOUND COMMITMENT TO THIS ORGANIZATION AND ITS GOALS. I CAN THINK OF NO BETTER WAY TO HONOR THE S.L.E. LUPUS FOUNDATION'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY THAN BY RECOGNIZING JENNIE AND DICK DESCHERER.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DO HEREBY ENCOURAGE ALL NEW YORKERS TO GET INTO THE LOOP, AND PROCLAIM MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2005 IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS



"S.L.E. LUPUS FOUNDATION 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.