

COUNCIL MEMBER  
MARK S. WEPRIN



CITY OF NEW YORK



Proclamation



hereas:

*Mark S. Weprin, Council Member of the 23rd District, is proud to honor the Cross-Cultural Internship Program, on the occasion of its 2011 Appreciation Ceremony, for its outstanding service and contributions to the community; and*

**WHEREAS:** *The Cross-Cultural Internship Program (CCIP) takes place in New York City every summer from May to August in two seven-week sessions. CCIP stresses East-West cultural exchange. It is for individuals and organizations that share a global vision and are willing to see beyond themselves; and*

**WHEREAS:** *CCIP serves as a cultural exchange gateway for Asian students to bring positive influences to American society (such as encouraging the flow of new ideas, fresh perspectives and global insights); likewise, CCIP allows companies in the United States to provide guidance, resources and support to these students, who work hard to prepare themselves to become useful members of the global economy; and*

**WHEREAS:** *CCIP emphasizes the importance of both practical and cultural experiences as well as striking a balance between hard skills and soft skills. It also stresses team spirit and encourages students to make the most of their experience through teamwork, diligence, understanding, positive thinking and cultural sensitivity. The program sets the stage for students' personal and professional growth and exists as a means for students to make the most of the potentially life-changing experience that comes from immersion in a completely different culture; and*

**WHEREAS:** *During the program, CCIP students reside at the Flushing YMCA in Queens (one of the most ethnically diverse areas in the nation), intern with different host companies, and take part in group activities such as visiting companies and doing volunteer work after office hours and on weekends; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Since it was founded by Elizabeth Kay in 2008, CCIP has served more than 300 students from Asia. Ten universities in Asia and thirty-seven host organizations in New York have joined the program; and*

**WHEREAS:** *CCIP has truly excelled as a galvanizing force for deeper understanding of and appreciation for cultural differences around the world; now, therefore*

**BE IT KNOWN:** *That Mark S. Weprin, Council Member of the 23rd District, gratefully honors*

***The Cross-Cultural Internship Program***

*for its outstanding service and contributions to the community.*

*Signed this 16th day of August in the year Two Thousand and Eleven.*

MARK S. WEPRIN  
Council Member, 23rd District  
Queens

