



THE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL

# Proclamation

*Peter Koo, Council Member of the 20th District, is proud to honor the Cross Cultural Internship Program (CCIP) for 10 years of outstanding service and achievements; and*

*WHEREAS: CCIP is dedicated to provide future-minded, culturally motivated, and globally responsible students with holistic cross-cultural internship experiences, and to work with socially conscious host organizations in providing internship experiences that promote global understanding. Through this dynamic cross-cultural collaboration, CCIP fosters the growth of the exchange visitors' global mindset and promote mutually beneficial cultural exchange between the U.S. and other nations; and*

*WHEREAS: CCIP came into existence through a series of events that led the founder, Elizabeth Kay, to realize that a special niche in the world of cultural exchange was not being filled. She, in turn, organized a program that caters to the needs of Asian students interested in broadening their cultural horizons and professional skill sets; and*

*WHEREAS: During the Northeast's infamous 2003 blackout, Founder Elizabeth Kay came across two interns from Hong Kong were stranded and needed local support. For the first time, she learned about overseas internships. In a later casual chat with a Hong Kong university principal, she mentioned that she felt sympathy for the girls' experience and could offer help in case of contingency situations. Intrigued by her diverse background, the principal asked her to take on students for the university; and*

*WHEREAS: In 2003, Ms. Kay and her professional acquaintances began to take on interns every summer. A pilot program was launched in 2007 with 10 students, followed by the official launch of the CCIP in partnership with three universities the following summer. Later, FUSLA became an official visa sponsor, and now the program has participation from over ten esteemed universities across the Asia-Pacific region and more than 20 host organizations across New York City. Many hosts have participated since the first year; some are in the governmental sector; and*

*WHEREAS: Since CCIP was established in 2008, it has been a leader in global internships connecting the United States and Asia. In collaboration with trusted partner universities in Asia and local host organizations in New York City, CCIP has provided more than 1,000 students with many high-profile, in-depth opportunities. The Cross-Cultural Internship Program plays an important role in helping Asian students obtain opportunities in legislative offices and business throughout New York City; now, therefore*

*BE IT KNOWN: That Peter Koo, Council Member of the 20th District, gratefully honors*

## *The Cross Cultural Internship Program*

*in celebration of its*

# 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

*and its outstanding service to the talented interns from Asia who have been providing exemplary support to our City, State, and Nation.*

*Signed this 6th day of July in the year Twenty Eighteen.*

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