



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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NEW YORK, NY 10007

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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to welcome everyone to today's International Migrants Day conference, hosted by the Diaspora House and ERTOBA.

New York has long served as a beacon for people of all backgrounds seeking new freedoms and opportunities. This history of inclusion is exemplified by our dynamic population of Georgian Americans that has made invaluable contributions to the five boroughs. Today, I am delighted to join with members of this vital community as they observe International Migrants Day with a conference addressing issues that impact migrants and the Georgian diaspora. This event is also an occasion to remember the many displaced individuals and families from around the world fleeing poverty, climate change, conflict, famine, or persecution. I commend everyone associated with Diaspora House, ERTOBA, and the Diana Bagrationi Foundation for their efforts to unite and uplift New Yorkers with ties to Georgia. Together, we will ensure our global city remains a diverse and welcoming place of great promise for all.

On behalf of the City of New York, please accept my best wishes for an informative and meaningful conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill de Blasio'.

Bill de Blasio
Mayor