

THE COUNCIL



CITY OF NEW YORK



Proclamation

Whereas: *The Council of the City of New York is pleased and proud to honor Reverend Fernando Rodriguez, for decades of inspiring leadership at Our Way to Heaven Church, and*

WHEREAS: *We turn to our spiritual leaders for encouragement, strength and guidance, for the moral foundation upon which to restore our spirit and renew our faith, their words are a light that helps lead us, and their great good works are an endless source of inspiration and joy; and*

WHEREAS: *In the past and founder of Our Way to Heaven Church, Reverend Rodriguez has kept the doors of Our Way to Heaven Church wide open, ministering to the residents of Bronx and providing spiritual uplift and moral guidance to the community; and*

WHEREAS: *Our Way to Heaven has become a wonderful blessing to the people in the South Point Community; and*

WHEREAS: *Reverend Rodriguez is one of the youngest pastors in the Bronx, and*

WHEREAS: *He serves as the President of the Latin American Chaplain Association (LACA), member of Community Board 1, Chaplain of SPCC, and Executive Director of New York City Youth Empowerment Center; and*

WHEREAS: *Reverend Rodriguez has promised to continue to fulfill his calling to Christ by committing himself to the Bible in which he lives strongly by: Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Him that strengthens Me."*

WHEREAS: *Under the dynamic leadership of Reverend Rodriguez, and with the faith and spiritual commitment of his congregation and the blessings of the Lord, Our Way to Heaven Church continues to grow in strength and purpose; it is a beacon of hope and a source of great pride to the community; and*

WHEREAS: *If the true measure of a man is revealed in the good works he performs, then is Reverend Rodriguez indeed a man of exceptional character, he has reached the most discerned, he has preached a philosophy of religious and social tolerance, he has offered balance, calm and direction during moments of great spiritual need and, most importantly, he has committed himself to do God's work, now, therefore*

BE IT KNOWN: *That the Council of the City of New York most gratefully honors*

REVEREND FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ

for his outstanding service to the City and the community.

Signed this 8th day of November in the year Two Thousand and Three

Pedro Espada
Pedro Espada, Jr.
Council Member, 14th District

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