



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

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Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to join with all those commemorating National Black AIDS Awareness Day with Victor Mooney, as he unveils a drawing of the boat that he will row across the ocean in support of this important cause.

Since AIDS was identified more than a quarter century ago, medical innovations have allowed people with the illness to live longer, healthier lives, and advances in public education and understanding have stemmed the tide of the epidemic. However, HIV/AIDS continues to take a terrible toll on people from Brooklyn to Senegal, and we must remain steadfast in our support for the programs, treatment, and research that will one day bring an end to the disease.

On behalf of the City of New York, I commend Victor and all those who are making possible his historic journey. Working together, we will continue to make strides against HIV/AIDS and build a brighter future for the millions of men, women, and children affected by the disease. Please accept my best wishes for a memorable and successful event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor