



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, NY 10007

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Dear Friends:

I am honored to welcome everyone to the Society of Foreign Consuls in New York's Award Ceremony for Women Leaders in our Communities in honor of International Women's Day.

Whether they are running small businesses, ruling in courtrooms, designing skyscrapers, penning best-sellers, putting out fires, caring for patients, patrolling our streets, teaching our children or serving in our governments, women leaders are everywhere you turn throughout the five boroughs, across the country and around the world. The 20 local luminaries that the Society of Foreign Consuls in New York has chosen to recognize tonight hail from 20 different countries, reflecting not only the talent and tenacity possessed by all New Yorkers, but also the rich multiculturalism that defines our great and global City. I am pleased to commend the Society's significant charitable contributions and ongoing efforts to promote gender equality, cultivate community, and deepen the ties between New York City and its thriving consular community over the past 90 years.

On behalf of the City of New York, congratulations to tonight's honorees. Chirlane and I extend our best wishes for a wonderful ceremony and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill de Blasio".

Bill de Blasio
Mayor