



The Assembly State of New York



Proclamation

Honoring
Gene A. Norman

Whereas, *Gene A. Norman has provided outstanding and dedicated public service throughout his career, including as Chairman of the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission, as Executive Vice President of the Harlem Urban Development Corporation and in the United States Marine Corps; and*

Whereas, *Gene Norman distinguished himself as the unflappable and determined Chairman of the Landmarks Preservation Commission from 1983 to 1989, in which capacity he helped lead the effort to preserve some of New York City's most treasured and historically significant buildings and monuments; and*

Whereas, *Gene Norman provided indispensable leadership in working with community-based organizations like Landmark West! to create the Upper West Side Historic District and the original Riverside-West End Historic District, both located in one of Manhattan's most storied neighborhoods, and in helping to provide landmark designation to individual, architecturally distinctive buildings such as the Century, San Remo, Beresford and Eldorado Apartments; and*

Whereas, *Gene Norman led the Landmarks Preservation Commission's successful effort to designate dozens of Broadway theaters as landmarks and to prevent developers' attempts to erect massive towers that would have detracted significantly from the historic distinctiveness of architectural gems like the New York Historical Society on Central Park West and St. Bartholomew's Church on Park Avenue; and*

Whereas, *Gene Norman helped create thousands of affordable housing units throughout New York state while serving as a senior coordinating architect for the Urban Development Corporation and made invaluable contributions to the Harlem community as Vice President of the Harlem Urban Development Corporation; and*

Whereas, *Gene Norman has made New York City his home since his infancy, is a proud alumnus of Hunter College of the City University of New York and the Pratt Institute, and became one of New York's first African-American architects, a field in which his expertise and leadership were widely recognized in both the private and public sectors; now, therefore, be it*

Proclaimed, *that I, Richard N. Gottfried, Member of the New York State Assembly, do hereby honor Mr. Gene A. Norman for rendering extraordinary public service to our nation, our state, and the cause of historic preservation in our nation's greatest city.*

Dated: December 14, 2015
In Witness Whereof, I have Hereunto
Set My Hand and Signature

Richard N. Gottfried
New York State Assembly
75th Assembly District