

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

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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to join the Romanian American Chamber of Commerce in welcoming everyone to the XVI Edition of the Romania Day Festival on Broadway.

New Yorkers are rightly proud of their rich ancestries. With residents who hail from every corner of the map and speak an estimated 200 languages, our City is a dynamic global hub. Today, as New Yorkers from all backgrounds and walks of life gather in Bowling Green Plaza to enjoy Romania's singular cultural traditions, let us also recognize the indelible mark that the Romanian diaspora has left on every sector of life, both throughout the five boroughs and across the nation. Whether enjoying folkloric dance performances, musical recitals, fashion shows or regional cuisine, thousands of revelers are in for a treat, and I applaud the Romanian American Chamber of Commerce for its efforts to unite and uplift the Romanian community and foster cross-cultural exchange.

On behalf of the City of New York, please accept my best wishes for a terrific event and continued success.

Sincerely,

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Bill de Blasio Mayor