



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

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Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to join the Russian Center New York to welcome everyone to the Russia Forum New York 2015.

New York rises on the foundation of its diversity. With residents who hail from every corner of the globe, we are an epicenter of culture, progress and innovation. And our talented and tenacious Russian residents are critical to every sector of our City's life. In connecting Russian and American entrepreneurs, investors, scientists and intellectuals, Russian Center NY is lifting up its community and enriching our great and global City. As my team and I pave a path to a more equitable and inclusive future for New Yorkers from every borough and background, I commend its efforts to promote cooperation and cross-cultural exchange.

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

Sincerely,

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

Bill de Blasio
Mayor