

Proclamation in Honor
of
Dr. Norman Ramm
on his
25th Year as President of Yeshiva University

Whereas, you were appointed president of Yeshiva University in 1976, the first American-born president of the University and one of its most prominent alumni,

Whereas, you have brought honor to your alma mater as a distinguished professor, revered rabbi, award-winning scholar, and superb president of the University for 25 years,

Whereas, you demonstrated remarkable fortitude, courage, and perseverance in the early years of your presidency by gathering a dedicated group of friends and supporters to resolve the University's financial crisis and to ensure the University's existence for future generations,

Whereas, since that critical time in the University's history, you have been a vibrant force in perpetuating the financial stability of the University with an endowment that has grown to more than 800 million dollars,

Whereas, Yeshiva University has been ranked among the top 50 universities in the nation for the past five years,

Whereas, enrollment at all of the University's schools has risen dramatically in both the undergraduate and graduate schools,

Whereas, you have been fervently dedicated to strengthening the academic excellence of the undergraduate schools by encouraging, among many initiatives, the establishment of the Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Honors Program at Yeshiva College and the S. Daniel Abraham Honors Program at Stern College for Women,

Whereas, with your strong advocacy, the Sy Syms School of Business was established in 1987 and quickly became known in the business world for the high caliber and strong work ethic of its students,

Whereas, the establishment of the Rennert Entrepreneurial Institute at the Sy Syms School of Business greatly enriched the stature of the School,

Whereas, you have had a major leadership role in enhancing and greatly expanding the physical facilities for both research and education at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, including the additions of the Chanin Institute for Cancer Research, the Golding Biomedical Research Building, and the Falk Recreation Center,

Whereas, you have also facilitated the establishment of a greatly expanded network of affiliated hospitals for teaching purposes at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, including the addition of Beth Israel Medical Center as the Manhattan Campus of the College and the Long Island Jewish Medical Center as the Long Island Campus for Einstein,



Whereas, the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law was established in the first year of your tenure and only two years ago was granted permission to establish a chapter of the Order of the Coif, the legal education's national honorary society, making it one of the youngest law schools in the nation and only one of three law schools in New York City with a Coif chapter,

Whereas, on a humanitarian level, Cardozo's Innocence Project has been responsible, through DNA testing, for overturning 43 wrongful convictions out of 81 wrongful convictions overturned nationwide,

Whereas, the New York State Assembly commended the Wurzweiler School of Social Work in a resolution declaring the School to be "advocates for New York's most vulnerable populations,"

Whereas, the Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology provides training in unique areas of psychology in both research and clinical practice to serve the mental health and health care needs of diverse and under-served populations in the New York metropolitan area and nationally,

Whereas, the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies has attained a reputation as one of the finest graduate schools of Jewish studies in the nation,

Whereas, the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration is strategically repositioning itself as a vital force for the innovative training of dynamic teachers and administrators who will inspire future generations within the nation and throughout the world in perpetuating Jewish heritage and tradition,

Whereas, enrollment at the University's affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary has grown dramatically and RIETS has added a wide range of new courses and programs to help its rabbinical students meet the complex challenges of our contemporary society and, under the auspices of RIETS, The Marsha Stern Talmudical Academy / Yeshiva University High School for Boys and the Samuel H. Wang Yeshiva University High School for Girls will continue offering Torah learning and academic excellence to its students,

Whereas, the University's affiliated Yeshiva University Museum enriches the human spirit through vital and innovative exhibitions and community outreach programs, both in its new home at the Center for Jewish History and on the University's Main Campus,

Whereas, you have been steadfast in the University's first charge to enrich the Jewish community through the concept of *Torah Umnadda* - the synthesis of Jewish studies and worldly knowledge while advocating that the University serve all humankind through the eminent disciplines of medicine, law, psychology, and social work, as well as humanitarian and cultural outreach programs,

Whereas, to accommodate the burgeoning student population, you oversaw the acquisition of new dormitory and academic buildings at the Midtown Campus, Brookdale Center, and Jack and Pearl Resnick Campus,

Whereas, the endowment of named professorships, deanships, departments, and programs has enabled the University to attract and retain high-quality faculty,

Whereas, among the many "firsts" during your successful tenure was the recent naming of the University's first Rhodes Scholar, the only student from New York State to be so honored this past year,

Whereas, you have been a voice of reason and tolerance among all sectors of the Jewish people and have reached out to all communities,

Whereas, your leadership has enabled the University to launch an unprecedented \$400 million Capital Campaign that will realize your dream of the perpetuation of Yeshiva University in this new century and for centuries to come,

IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that Yeshiva University enjoys a stature and financial stability undreamed of when you were inaugurated as president; that the University's growth and excellence would not have been possible without your vision, your faith, and your temperate yet vigorous leadership; that the University and its Board of Trustees, students, alumni, faculty, and administration are eternally grateful for your singular dedication to the University's mission and the consequent enrichment of society at large; that we are proud of your achievements as a scholar, teacher, rabbi, administrator, and alumnus of the University we hold so dear; and that we are truly appreciative that in the years to come you will continue to provide steadfast leadership with the integrity, grace, wisdom, and wit that have been the hallmark of your service.

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