

# The City of New York



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September 5, 1979

Mr. Philip Finkelstein  
Director  
Henry George School of Social Science  
50 East 69 Street  
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Dear Mr. Finkelstein:

I am pleased to inform you that your request for a proclamation designating September, 1979 as "Henry George Month" in New York City has been approved.

Would you please send us a suitable draft of a text for the proclamation. We will be in touch with you at a later date regarding the processing of this proclamation.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs. Muriel Tannenbaum, Division of Proclamations at 248-8328.

Sincerely yours,

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WHEREAS, 1979 marks the 100th anniversary of Progress and Poverty, masterwork of the renowned American economist and social philosopher, Henry George; and

WHEREAS, Henry George made his home in New York from the publication of Progress and Poverty to his death in 1897, running for Mayor twice, in 1886 and 1897; and

WHEREAS, Henry George influenced many beneficial reforms in New York, including assessing and taxing procedures, the adoption of the secret ballot and the initiation of the Labor Day holiday, and influenced many New York civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, New York contains numerous reminders of Henry George, including a monument in Greenwood Cemetery, a tree in Central Park, an extensive collection in the New York Public Library, and such institutions as the Henry George School of Social Science, and the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation and the Henry George Institute; and

WHEREAS, September 1979 is of special significance, September 2nd marking Henry George's 140th birthday, September 15th the 100th anniversary of the copyright of Progress and Poverty, and being held September 26th, this year a special celebration at the New York Public Library, hosted by Henry George's illustrious granddaughter, Agnes de Mille;

NOW THEREFORE I, Edward I. Koch, Mayor of the City of New York, do proclaim and set aside the month of September, 1979 as HENRY GEORGE MONTH in New York as an appropriate observation.