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To All In Attendance  
American Indian Ritual Object  
Repatriation Foundation  
Second Annual Sunrise Ceremony  
Mineral Springs - Central Park  
New York, New York

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to extend warm personal greetings to all those who are gathered here on the occasion of the second annual Sunrise Ceremony of the American Indian Ritual Object Repatriation Foundation.

This is a special coming together of Clan Mothers, Spiritual Leaders, Elders of the Winnebago, Onondaga, Hopi, Otoe, Seminole, Omaha, Mohawk, Lummi, Taino and other Nations, as well as of family and friends. As you meditate and participate in the Sunrise Ceremony, I am sure that you will reflect upon the traditions held so dear in your rich cultural heritage. Your fine organization makes outstanding contributions to improve the quality of life for American Indians in our City and across our country. Your active participation and energetic leadership is evidence that we will only succeed by joining hands and working together. We are proud of your impressive accomplishments.

I also wish to recognize the late Reuben Snake, Jr., to whom this ceremony is being dedicated. Indeed, this great Spiritual Leader from the Winnebago tribe inspired countless individuals with his strong advocacy on behalf of all American Indians. He is most deserving of today's high honor.

On behalf of eight million New Yorkers, please accept my best wishes for a most beautiful ceremony. Keep the faith!

Sincerely,

David N. Dinkins  
MAYOR