



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

November 18, 2008

Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to welcome everyone to the independence celebration hosted by the Latvian Consulate in New York City.

Shortly after the First World War, Latvian men and women declared their nation's independence from Russian and Bolshevik rule. Here in New York, our City's Latvian community was already growing by leaps and bounds; families had been immigrating to the Big Apple since the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and their contributions to our economic, cultural, and civic life had already begun to have a significant impact on our great City. Today, that impact remains stronger than ever, and I am proud to join everyone gathered at this National Day celebration to recognize the committed hard work and indomitable spirit of our City's Latvian community.

On behalf of the City of New York, I commend Honorary Consul Daris G. Delins and everyone involved with today's celebration for sharing Latvian history and culture with all New Yorkers. Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable celebration and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor