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AUGUST 26: BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL TO BE LIT IN BLUE AND WHITE TO HONOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH OF MOTHER TERESA

June 9, 2010 — **Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz** announced today that Brooklyn Borough Hall will be illuminated in blue and white on August 26 in observance of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Mother Teresa and the colors of her religious order.

“We are proud to honor the life and legacy of Mother Teresa at Borough Hall,” said BP Markowitz. “Borough Hall may not be as tall as the Empire State Building, but it is Brooklyn’s oldest public building—and one of the oldest in New York City—and what better place than our diverse borough to celebrate not only Mother Teresa but people and groups of all faiths—including Brooklyn’s large Catholic community—who have made great contributions to the world. We join Speaker Christine Quinn, members of City Council, the Catholic League and others in calling on the Empire State Building Lighting Partners to reconsider its decision.”

“I want to thank Borough President Marty Markowitz for showing true leadership in honoring such an extraordinary human as Mother Teresa,” said City Council Speaker Christine Quinn. “By lighting up Borough Hall, the Borough President will remind Brooklynites and all New Yorkers of Mother Teresa’s inspiring works and legacy here and around the world. I’m looking forward to a fitting tribute.”

In addition to annual lightings for holidays such as St. Patrick’s Day, Easter, July 4th, Halloween, Christmas and Hanukkah, Borough Hall has been lit to observe other events and organizations, including the Papal visit, the American Heart Association and March of Dimes, as well as LGBT Gay Pride and celebrations of Haitian, Turkish, Israeli, Asian, Lebanese, Greek, Italian, Polish and Caribbean heritage.