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*Whereas, Religious communities across the five boroughs are essential threads in the rich cultural tapestry that unites and sustains us, and these filaments of faith connect humans beyond the borders and boundaries of not just our city's ZIP codes, but even across oceans. We hold in great reverence those faith leaders who devote their lives to religious practice while serving as an instrument to offer spiritual and moral guidance, to inspire others to perform acts of lovingkindness, and to unite dedicated practitioners in worship. In that spirit, I am honored to recognize the extraordinary life of the beloved Buddhist monk and philanthropist, Venerable Master Hsing Yun, a foremost proponent of Humanistic Buddhism, emphasizing this life over the afterlife, as well as one of the most influential teachers of modern Taiwanese Buddhism, and the renowned founder of the Fo Guang Shan Order.*

*Whereas, With more than 2,000 monastic disciples and millions of adherents worldwide, Venerable Master Yun, born 95 years ago in Yangzhou, Jiangsu, Republic of China, has devoted his life to countless followers who have benefited from his compassionate endeavors. Throughout his lifetime, he dedicated himself to serving countless individuals, providing guidance and hope to Buddhists everywhere, and personally ordained more than 100 Dharma heirs—established successors in an unbroken lineage of teachers and disciples—to continue his Buddhist teachings. From his 1967 founding of Fo Guang Shan on a bamboo-filled hilltop in Taiwan's Dashi district of Kaohsiung to the 1992 inauguration of Buddha's Light International Association (BLIA) in Los Angeles, Venerable Master Yun in Los Angeles, Venerable Master Yun has always been a charismatic proponent and shining example not just of the peaceful teachings of Buddha, but of the broadening of its attractiveness worldwide.*

*Whereas, It is impossible to adequately summarize the powerful legacy and achievements of Venerable Master Yun, as well as the global impact he has had on so many others. He brought joy, light, and love to those around him, and he will be dearly missed by those who were privileged to benefit from his timeless teachings and wisdom. I know his memory will always live on in the hearts of those who cherished his incredible, and inspired teachings, particularly his New York-based adherents. I wish everyone gathered a meaningful day of remembrance as you honor the life of this outstanding man.*

*Now therefore, I, Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York, on Monday, February 13, 2023, do hereby confer this citation on:*

**Venerable Master Hsing Yun**



*Eric Adams*  
Eric Adams  
Mayor

美國紐約市長 Eric Adams 於 2023 年 2 月 13 日為星雲大師頒發褒揚令：

宗教團體是連接我們豐富文化寶藏的不可或缺的紐帶，信仰能超越城市和國家的邊界將全世界的人民緊密相連。宗教領袖們一生為教奉獻、指引大眾修心修德、激發大眾展現慈悲，因此紐約市政府對他們表達崇高的敬意，我也很榮幸在此褒揚星雲大師的一生。星雲大師是眾人愛戴的和尚和慈善家，是人間佛教的推動者，是今生比往生重要的倡導者，是現代臺灣佛教極具影響力的導師，也是著名的佛光山開山宗長。

星雲大師 97 年前在中國江蘇揚州出生，他一生奉行的慈悲已造福皈依在他門下的超過 2,000 名出家弟子和數百萬名在家信眾。他一生的服務讓全球佛教徒獲得指引和希望，他也親自為超過 100 名佛門龍象主持三壇大戒，讓法脈得以永續傳承而不間斷。他在 1967 年在臺灣高雄大樹的一座麻竹山上創辦佛光山，又在 1992 年在洛杉磯創辦國際佛光會。就推廣佛陀倡導的和平教義，以及擴大佛教在全世界的影響力，星雲大師的努力功不可沒。

星雲大師的偉大功績和在全世界帶來的影響力無法以區區幾段字充分表達。他一生為大眾帶來了歡喜、光明和愛。從他的教誨和智慧獲益的大眾會在星雲大師圓寂之後深切地懷念他。我知道關於他的回憶將永遠在那些珍視他的不凡和啟發性教誨的人的心中，他的精神也一定會被他在世界各地的弟子們尤其是紐約的信眾們延續，我們將一同懷念這位大師的種種事蹟和他偉大的一生。

我，紐約市長艾瑞克·亞當斯，在 2023 年 2 月 13 日正式為星雲大師頒發褒揚令。