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**Letter of Support for GoAfricaNetwork.org to hold a Festival on 18 July 2015 on 116<sup>th</sup> Street between Lenox Avenue and Frederick Douglass Boulevard**

Dear Dr. Beach,

On behalf of the Arts & Culture Committee of Manhattan Community Board 10, I write this letter in support of Go Africa Network Inc.'s Street Festival in 2015.

The proposed event will take place on Saturday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of July in 2015, and will be held on 116<sup>th</sup> Street between Lenox Avenue and Frederick Douglass Boulevard from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Go Africa Network Inc. has already received a permit for said event, yet wanted the support of Manhattan Community Board 10, and we are happy to furnish them with a letter of support.

Go Africa has followed all of our protocols, including furnishing the Arts & Culture Committee with more than one dozen letters of support from strategic business alliances and owners, vendors and workers, and people who live along the 116<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor from 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Morningside Park, in an effort to include all people from the community; and they have also reached out to the various African, African American, Caribbean and Caribbean American communities along the corridor as well, in an effort to bring these groups together for such an event.

Since Go Africa has already done a sister event in Brooklyn, Go Caribbean, they seek to solidify a base in Central Harlem for future events, that will educate community members on health issues and empower business owners to grow through the usage of technology, while providing a cultural day-long festival for community members. We enthusiastically support their efforts.

Yours sincerely,

Michael John Downie  
Chair, Arts & Culture Committee  
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