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On the occasion of the Community Meeting being held by WDFH 90.3 FM this day, April 12, 2010,

Whereas, community radio is a distinct, vital, not-for-profit provider of local, grassroots communications and social and artistic engagement all across North America and is licensed by the federal government for this purpose alone; and

Whereas, the only community radio station in the lower Hudson Valley is WDFH 90.3 FM, whose community of service as licensed by the Federal Communication Commission is Ossining; and

Whereas, this station—after years of broadcasting from a tiny antenna in Ossining—achieved a breakthrough one year ago with the erection of a new, much taller antenna in Mount Pleasant; and

Whereas, this improvement in signal reach expanded the potential listenership forty-fold, raising the possible audience and communities reached from nearly 10,000 people in Ossining, Briarcliff, and Croton under the old antenna to nearly 400,000 people now reaching the following communities: Bedford, Chappaqua, Cortlandt, Croton-on-Hudson, Elmsford, Hawthorne, Lewisboro, Mount Kisco, New Castle, North Castle, North Salem, Ossining, Mount Pleasant, Pleasantville, Shrub Oak, Sleepy Hollow, Somers, Tarrytown, Thornwood, Yorktown Heights in Westchester County, and numerous others in Rockland and Putnam Counties as well; and

Whereas, WDFH has long provided detailed news analysis of our community and regular shows educating its listeners on health and social change issues of relevance to all of us; and

Whereas, WDFH has provided this public service in an extremely cost-effective manner that has engaged and trained hundreds of community members over the years in modern broadcast and internet communications; and

Whereas, our region is a distinct community unto itself, and deserves its own community broadcast media and is underserved by the major outlets; and

Whereas, WDFH deserves full credit for its past accomplishments, as it prepares for its future with the new signal reach, and deserves full attention from its newly expanded community of listeners who could become participants in determining whether WDFH presents a real opportunity to serve as the community glue for our region;

I, Leo A. W. Wiegman, now therefore humbly proclaim, with the power vested in me by the State of New York as your Mayor of our Village of Croton-on-Hudson, that this day, Monday, the 12th of April, 2010, shall be **“WDFH Community Radio Day”** throughout our Village; and

I now further humbly proclaim, that the community radio itself is much larger and more inclusive than mere dotted lines on a municipal map; and

That, our Village is a state of mind that embraces the leadership, compassion, and public service values that good community radio exhibits; and that all who hear and abide by this proclamation today are hereby honorary WDFH members for this day, and should act accordingly today and tomorrow in supporting not-for-profit community communication efforts like WDFH 90.3 FM.

Leo A. W. Wiegman, Mayor