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**MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 10
RESOLUTION
Ruth Logan Roberts Place Street Co-Naming**

RESOLUTION: To support the street co-naming of West 130th Street between Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard and Malcolm X Boulevard as “Ruth Logan Roberts Place”.

WHEREAS: Ruth Logan was the second of nine children, born in 1892, in Alabama, to Warren Logan, second-in-command to Tuskegee Institute's Booker T. Washington, and Adella Hunt Logan, a teacher, writer, and suffragist. She attended primary and elementary school in Tuskegee, then was sent to Ohio's Oberlin College for two years of college preparatory work, followed by a three-year stint at Boston's Sargent College, from which she graduated in 1913. After her graduation, she returned to teach physical education at Tuskegee Institute.

WHEREAS: In 1917, in Tuskegee Institute's chapel, she married Eugene Percy Roberts, a widowed doctor who was New York City's second black licensed physician and started his practice in 1894. Ruth and her husband moved into a large, elegant town house in Harlem, widely known simply as "130". The full address was 130 West 130th Street.

WHEREAS: In conjunction with her mother, Ruth Logan organized suffrage events at Tuskegee Institute in 1913, and after her marriage became active in Republican party affairs in New York. Once settled in New York City, Ruth Logan Roberts established her home as one of the Harlem Renaissance's leading social, artistic, and political salons. She volunteered on behalf of improved care for those suffering from tuberculosis, worked with a home for unwed mothers, supported local arts initiatives, and served on several NAACP and YWCA boards.

WHEREAS: In the early 1900s, a period where Black property ownership was difficult due to systemic obstacles, Mrs. Roberts' role as a hostess for different figures active in the arts, community service, and politics was revolutionary. As Professor George Lipsitz writes in his article “The Racialization of Space and the Spatialization of Race,” the Black community has experienced “a long history of struggle to secure freedom of movement in public, and campaigns to enter, inhabit, use, control, and own physical places.” Having this physical space enabled Mrs. Roberts to be an active participant in the Civil Rights movement.

WHEREAS: She especially toiled on behalf of gaining opportunities for African American graduate nurses in the face of blatant racial and gender discrimination. During World War II, she used her persuasive skills and political connections to work on their behalf, by lobbying Ohio's Rep. Frances Bolton and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt to generate and ultimately pass legislation on behalf of those professional caregivers. For that work, in 1942, the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses bestowed its highest award on Ruth Logan Roberts.

WHEREAS: She chartered Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated's Lambda Chapter on April 22, 1922 in Harlem with four other trailblazing women: Louise McDonald Gaither, Florence Lee Thomas, Dorothy

Peterson, and Edith Wright. Lambda Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated has served a pivotal role in the Harlem community since its chartering almost 100 years ago and is the oldest chapter in Cluster III of the North Atlantic Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Mrs. Roberts also helped charter Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, which has also served the Harlem community since 1925.

WHEREAS: Given Mrs. Ruth L. Roberts' significant impact in the Harlem community, and her illustrious legacy of sisterhood and service through her co-chartering of both Harlem Lambda Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Manhattan Community Board 10 approves the renaming of the street where her salon was located.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Manhattan Community Board 10 Executive Committee wishes to remember Mrs. Ruth Logan Roberts by formally requesting that the New York City Council and the Mayor of New York City enact legislation to support the co-naming of West 130th Street between Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard and Malcolm X Boulevard to "Ruth Logan Roberts Place" on March 30, 2022 by a vote of 31 YES; 0 NO;0 ABSTENTIONS; and 0 RECUSALS.