



Rudolph W. Giuliani verkündigte den 10. Juli in New York City den „Nikola Tesla Day“

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CITY OF NEW YORK



Proclamation

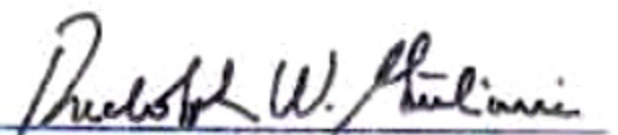
WHEREAS: NIKOLA TESLA IS BEING HONORED IN OUR CITY ON THE TENTH OF JULY, THE 141ST ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BIRTH. TESLA WAS BORN IN 1856 TO SERBIAN PARENTS IN CROATIA, THEN PART OF THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN EMPIRE. HE STUDIED ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND, REALIZING THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF DIRECT CURRENT, BEGAN TO DESIGN AN ALTERNATING CURRENT MOTOR. HE WAS RECOMMENDED FOR A POSITION IN THOMAS ALVA EDISON'S RESEARCH LABORATORY IN NEW YORK AND MOVED HERE IN 1884. EDISON HIRED TESLA, BUT DID NOT AGREE WITH HIS THEORIES, SO TESLA LEFT AFTER ONE YEAR AND ESTABLISHED THE TESLA ELECTRIC COMPANY IN 1887. SOON HE PATENTED HIS ALTERNATING CURRENT MOTOR AND WAS HIRED BY GEORGE WESTINGHOUSE. THE 1893 COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION IN CHICAGO WAS ELECTRIFIED BY WESTINGHOUSE USING TESLA'S SYSTEM OF POLYPHASE ALTERNATING CURRENT. ALSO IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WESTINGHOUSE, TESLA DESIGNED THE WORLD'S FIRST HYDROELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT, DISTRIBUTING ELECTRICAL CURRENT TO THE CITIES OF NIAGARA FALLS AND BUFFALO; AND

WHEREAS: IN 1897 TESLA, WHO EXPERIMENTED WITH RADIO WAVES, DEMONSTRATED WIRELESS COMMUNICATION OVER 25 MILES; AND THE NEXT YEAR DEMONSTRATED ELECTRICAL ENERGY TRANSMISSION WITH RADIO-CONTROLLED MODEL BOATS. HE INVENTED SEVERAL GENERATING MACHINES AND THE TESLA COIL, WHICH PRODUCED CURRENTS AT A GREAT NUMBER OF FREQUENCIES AND MAGNITUDES. THESE AND OTHER INVENTIONS INSPIRED LATER RESEARCH SCIENTISTS; AND

WHEREAS: NIKOLA TESLA SPENT HIS LAST FOUR DECADES LIVING IN OBSCURITY IN OUR CITY. HE HAD PATENTED MORE THAN 700 INVENTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND HIS WORK MADE POSSIBLE INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY IN INDUSTRY, THE MODERN APPLICATIONS OF ALTERNATE CURRENT ELECTRIC POWER, MODERN COMMUNICATIONS, AND SUCH ADVANCES AS ROBOTICS, COMPUTERS, SATELLITES, AND MICROWAVES.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RUDOLPH W. GIULIANI, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, IN RECOGNITION OF HIS GROUNDBREAKING WORK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THURSDAY, JULY 10, 1997 IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS

"NIKOLA TESLA DAY"


RUDOLPH W. GIULIANI
MAYOR

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK TO BE AFFIXED.

