



Office of the Manhattan Borough President
City of New York

Proclamation



Whereas: We are proud to acknowledge those organizations and individuals that are committed to improving our city and enriching the community; and

Whereas: Dr. Lila Miller is a groundbreaking veterinarian who has transformed the lives of countless pets, educated a generation of students, and paved the way for women of color in veterinary medicine; and

Whereas: a Harlem native, Dr. Miller became the first Black American woman to graduate from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1977, where she later taught the first-ever veterinary shelter medicine course; and

Whereas: Dr. Miller was long a fixture at the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, first serving as the director of the Brooklyn clinic for 15 years before transitioning to roles as a veterinary advisor, vice president of veterinary outreach, and vice president of shelter medicine; and

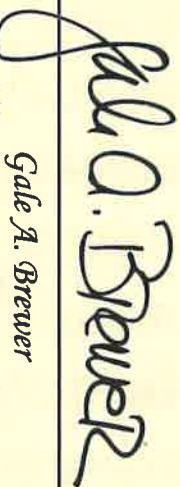
Whereas: Dr. Miller co-founded the Association of Shelter Veterinarians and developed the first vet-written guidelines for shelter animal care – which are now used nationwide – ensuring humane treatment and preventative care; and

Whereas: today we celebrate Dr. Miller's trailblazing career and well-deserved 2021 Avanzino Leadership Award from Maddie's Fund for her leadership in shelter medicine;

Now Therefore, I, Gale A. Brewer, do hereby commend Dr. Lila Miller for her contributions to the City, and proclaim Saturday, July 10, 2021,

**“Dr. Lila Miller
Appreciation Day”**
in the Borough of Manhattan.

In witness whereof, I have herunto
set my hand and caused the seal of
the Borough of Manhattan to be affixed.


Gale A. Brewer
President, Borough of Manhattan