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## LIU STATEMENT ON MAY DAY 2013

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NEW YORK, N.Y. – City Comptroller John C. Liu stated the following on May Day 2013:

“As Coretta Scott King once said: ‘Struggle is a never-ending process.’ For more than a century, the labor unions in New York City have been at the forefront of the fight for workers’ rights. In 2013, that is still the case. A century ago, our unions led the fight against unsafe sweat shops and child labor. Now, they are pressing to make sure that every worker is offered a living wage and sick pay.

“In the near future, changes in the immigration law could bring thousands of immigrants to our City’s work force. They will be looking for decent-paying jobs with benefits, and our unions will ensure that they will be treated more fairly than immigrants were treated a century ago. As the City emerges from a crippling recession, government must make sure that every worker has a chance to share in The New York City Dream.

“On May Day, we celebrate those trade unionists who have worked so hard to make our lives better. And we remember their contributions.”

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