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***DAVID E. POWELL APPOINTED UPPER MANHATTAN REGIONAL
DIRECTOR FOR THE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS***

Commissioner Galen D. Kirkland today announced the appointment of David E. Powell as Regional Director of the Upper Manhattan Office of the New York State Division of Human Rights. “David Powell has been a valuable member of the Division for over 17 years. His dedication to human rights is well known in the community, and I am sure he will continue to be a tireless advocate for all New Yorkers,” said Commissioner Kirkland. Regarding his appointment, Mr. Powell stated: “I am privileged and honored for this tremendous opportunity to serve the community where I was born and raised while working to assist those who have been aggrieved by the scourge of discrimination.”

Mr. Powell started his career with the Division in 1990 working as an investigator in the Upper Manhattan Regional Office. He has also trained the Division staff on sexual harassment discrimination and was pivotal in the development of the Division’s diversity training.

Prior to joining the Division, Mr. Powell worked at the New York City Commission of Human Rights, where he was assigned to that agency’s Borough-wide Technical Assistance Unit in the Bronx. During his tenure at the City Commission, Mr. Powell was part of the team that collaborated with the New York City Police Academy in the development of their Ethical Awareness training. He also participated in the investigation of the fire bombing of homes in the Crown Heights community. In 1981, Mr. Powell became the first Executive Director of the Morrisania Revitalization Corporation (MRC), a not-for-profit housing and local development corporation in the South Bronx. While there, he developed the first permanent housing residence for single homeless individuals in the Bronx.

Mr. Powell is a lifelong resident of Harlem. He received his high school diploma from Power Memorial Academy, and obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Xavier University of Louisiana.

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New York has the proud distinction of being the first state in the nation to enact a Human Rights Law, which affords every citizen “an equal opportunity to enjoy a full and productive life.” The New York State Division of Human Rights was created to enforce this important law and does so through, among other things, the vigorous prosecution of unlawful discriminatory practices and the receipt, investigation, and resolution of complaints of discrimination. Please visit the Division’s website at www.dhr.state.ny.us for additional information about the agency and its work.