

THE COUNCIL



CITY OF NEW YORK



Proclamation



Whereas: *The Council of the City of New York is pleased and proud to honor Dance Parade New York on the occasion of its 4th Annual Dance Parade and DanceFest, for its many contributions to the community; and*

WHEREAS: *Dance Parade New York was created to promote dance as an expressive and unifying art form by showcasing all forms of dance, educating the general public about the opportunities to experience dance, and celebrating diversity of dance in New York City by sponsoring a yearly city-wide dance parade and dance festival; and*

WHEREAS: *New York City has been the cause of many new styles of dance such as the "voguing," Jazz, the Jitterbug, Punk, Gothic and even Salsa and Dance Parade New York pays tribute to these styles with their annual parade; and*

WHEREAS: *The expression of dance has not always been seen as communicative, social form of expression. In the 1920's, New York City enacted the Cabaret Law to stem interracial dancing from Harlem Jazz Clubs. Then, in 1930's Nazi Germany forbid swing dancing because it was considered anarchistic. And in 2006, a New York State Supreme Court ruled that, unlike music, theater and painting, dance is not a constitutionally protected form of expression. Dance Parade New York seeks to remove the highlight the diversity of dance and showcase its cultural and communicative importance; and*

WHEREAS: *This year, like very other year before it, the parade has expanded exponentially, as have the crowds that gather. This year the parade will include 70 styles of dance ranging from classical ballet to contemporary hip-hop to holistic, therapeutic and expressive dance. The parade will showcase over 300 dance organization and over 10,000 dancers; and*

WHEREAS: *Dance Parade New York is a multicultural, multigenerational expression of the joy and value of these various forms of expression. It fosters cross-pollination of dance forms as it introduces audiences to novel styles and beats. There year round work empowers and supports dance communities within the City; and*

BE IT KNOWN: *That the Council of the City of New York most gratefully honors*

Dance Parade New York

for its outstanding service and contributions to New York City.

Signed this 22nd day of May in the year Two Thousand and Ten.

CHRISTINE C. QUINN, Speaker
For the Entire Council

