

Office of the Mayor

CITY OF NEW YORK



Proclamation

WHEREAS: FROM THE BIRTH OF TAP DANCING IN OUR FIVE POINTS DISTRICT IN THE 19TH CENTURY TO THE INCREDIBLE CREATIVITY, STRENGTH, AND FLEXIBILITY ON DISPLAY ON COUNTLESS STAGES EVERY NIGHT THROUGHOUT THE FIVE BOROUGHS, NEW YORK CITY HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PREMIER DANCE DESTINATION. AND WITH MORE THAN 200 LANGUAGES SPOKEN ON OUR CITY'S STREETS EVERY DAY, WE ARE ALSO A MELTING POT OF CULTURES. THAT'S WHY THE CITY OF NEW YORK IS PROUD TO HOST THE 4TH ANNUAL DANCE PARADE, AN EXUBERANT SHOWCASE OF MORE THAN 100 ETHNIC AND DANCE CULTURES.

WHEREAS: EVERY YEAR, DANCE AFICIONADOS DELIGHT IN WATCHING THIS EXCITING AND VIBRANT DANCE PARTY WIND ITS WAY FROM MADISON SQUARE TO TOMPKINS SQUARE. THE VIBRANT SPIRIT THIS PARADE INSPIRES EVERY YEAR PROVES THAT IT HAS FULFILLED ITS MISSION OF HONORING THE ART OF DANCE IN ALL OF ITS FORMS, WHILE ALSO FOSTERING A MORE OPEN AND DIVERSE DANCE COMMUNITY. THIS YEAR'S PARADE WILL FEATURE 5,300 DANCERS, 113 ORGANIZATIONS, AND 59 UNIQUE DANCE STYLES, MAKING IT THE BIGGEST AND MOST EXCITING YET. IN ADDITION, THROUGHOUT THE YEAR DANCE PARADE CONTINUES TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY BY COMMISSIONING DANCE TROUPES TO DO DEMONSTRATIONS IN LOCAL SCHOOLS, EXPOSING YOUNG NEW YORKERS TO WORLD CULTURES THROUGH THEIR DANCING STYLES.

WHEREAS: RENOWNED DANCER MARTHA GRAHAM ONCE SAID: "DANCE IS THE HIDDEN LANGUAGE OF THE SOUL." INDEED, BY TOUCHING SO MANY LIVES AND ENCOURAGING DIVERSITY THROUGH DANCE, DANCE PARADE ENCOURAGES A BRIGHTER SPIRIT IN ALL OF US. ON BEHALF OF ALL NEW YORKERS, I COMMEND ALL THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH DANCE PARADE FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO PROMOTING THE LOVE OF DANCE THROUGHOUT THE FIVE BOROUGHS AND BEYOND. PLEASE ACCEPT MY BEST WISHES FOR A WONDERFUL PARADE AND MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SATURDAY, MAY 22ND, 2010 IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS:

"DANCE PARADE DAY"



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

Michael R. Bloomberg
MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG
MAYOR