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Dance Parade  
789 Westminster Road, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11230

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered to enjoy the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual New York Dance Parade and Festival in New York City.

The Empire State is home to some of the finest and most diverse resources for the creative and performing arts. Since its inception in 2006, Dance Parade New York has become an eagerly-anticipated event, providing dancers with exciting opportunities to share their moves and to learn and enjoy other dance traditions.

Dancing is a powerful, expressive, and unifying art form, transforming passion, energy, and joy into movement. This is a delightful way to spend a spring day in New York City. On behalf of all New Yorkers, I congratulate Grand Marshals Robert Battle, Carmen de Lavallade, Mary Verdi-Fletcher, DJ Rekha, and Executive Director Greg Miller, as well as everyone involved with this terrific event.

With warmest regards and best wishes for a wonderful day of dance and fun.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew M. Cuomo". The signature is stylized and fluid.

ANDREW M. CUOMO

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