

Office of the Mayor

CITY OF NEW YORK



Proclamation

WHEREAS: NEW YORK CITY IS HOME TO A BEAUTIFUL MOSAIC OF CULTURES, EACH WITH THEIR OWN CUSTOMS, CUISINES, AND FORMS OF DANCE. FROM BELLY DANCING TO BOLLYWOOD, FROM CAPORALES TO CONTEMPORARY, THE MANY DIFFERENT STYLES THAT DEFINE OUR CITY'S DANCE SCENE PROVE THAT NEW YORKERS REALLY KNOW HOW TO BUST A MOVE. TODAY, NEARLY 10,000 OF OUR RESIDENTS WILL COME TOGETHER TO STRUT THEIR STUFF AND SHOW OFF THEIR FANCY FOOTWORK AS THEY DANCE THEIR WAY DOWN BROADWAY IN THE 8TH ANNUAL NEW YORK DANCE PARADE.

WHEREAS: THE DANCE PARADE HELPS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE HISTORY AND EVOLUTION OF DANCE AND ALSO OFFERS THEM A CHANCE TO JOIN IN THE FUN BY TAKING LESSONS OR PARTICIPATING IN A GIANT DANCE PARTY AT DANCEFEST IN TOMPKINS SQUARE PARK. FOR PARADE-GOERS WHO ARE RELUCTANT TO TAKE TO THE DANCE FLOOR THEMSELVES, DANCEFEST ALSO FEATURES FREE PERFORMANCES FROM SOME OUTSTANDING TROUPES.

WHEREAS: TODAY'S PARADE IS A TERRIFIC OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES ACROSS THE FIVE BOROUGHES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE 75 UNIQUE DANCE STYLES SHOWCASED IN THIS EXCITING EVENT. I APPLAUD THE ORGANIZERS FOR UNITING PEOPLE IN A CELEBRATION OF DANCE AND FOR HELPING OUR RESIDENTS EXPERIENCE THE THRILL OF EXPRESSING THEMSELVES THROUGH MOVEMENT. MY FAMILY AND I HAVE ALWAYS LOVED TO DANCE, AND I ENCOURAGE ALL NEW YORKERS TO SLIP ON THEIR DANCING SHOES AND BOOGIE, SASHAY, STEP, OR PROMENADE DOWN TO THE EAST VILLAGE TO DANCE THE DAY AWAY AND SUPPORT OUR VIBRANT ARTS COMMUNITY.

NOW THEREFORE, I, BILL DE BLASIO, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SATURDAY, MAY 17TH, 2014 IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS:

"NEW YORK DANCE PARADE DAY"



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

Bill De Blasio

BILL DE BLASIO
MAYOR