

Office of the Mayor

CITY OF NEW YORK



Proclamation

WHEREAS: IN A CITY OF 8.5 MILLION PEOPLE, MANY OF WHOM HAIL FROM AROUND THE GLOBE, OUR DANCE SCENE IS AS DIVERSE AS OUR RESIDENTS. FROM CLASSICAL BALLET TO BREAKDANCING, YOU'RE SURE TO FIND FANS OF NEARLY EVERY DANCE GENRE GATHERED IN THEATERS, CLUBS, PERFORMANCE SPACES, AND ON STREET CORNERS ENJOYING THE WORK OF TALENTED ARTISTS OR JOINING IN THE FUN THEMSELVES. FOR THE PAST DECADE, THE NEW YORK DANCE PARADE HAS CELEBRATED THE DIVERSITY OF OUR CITY'S CULTURE THROUGH THIS ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF DANCE, AND I AM DELIGHTED TO AGAIN JOIN WITH THOUSANDS OF THE BEST MOVERS AND SHAKERS FOR ANOTHER EXCITING MARCH - OR SASHAY! - DOWN BROADWAY.

WHEREAS: WITH DANCERS, VEHICLES, AND FLOATS REPRESENTING NEARLY 75 STYLES OF DANCE, THIS EVENT IS TRULY A CELEBRATION OF MOVEMENT. THE PARADE WILL CULMINATE IN TOMPKINS SQUARE PARK WHERE PARTICIPANTS AND PARADE-GOERS CAN TAKE PART IN DANCEFEST, A GIANT DANCE PARTY THAT FEATURES PERFORMANCES ON FIVE STAGES, SOCIAL DANCING OPPORTUNITIES, AND DANCE LESSONS. BY SHOWCASING DIFFERENT DANCE GENRES, COSTUMES, MUSIC, AND MOVEMENT TRADITIONS, THE EVENT ALSO HELPS TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE MANY DIFFERENT CULTURES THAT ARE REPRESENTED IN THE FIVE BOROUGHS AND DEMONSTRATES HOW WE ARE ALL UNITED BY OUR LOVE OF DANCE.

WHEREAS: THE ARTS, AND ESPECIALLY THE PERFORMING ARTS, ARE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR ECONOMY, OUR SCHOOLS, AND OUR VIBRANCY AS A CITY, AND MY ADMINISTRATION IS DETERMINED TO ENSURE THAT ALL PEOPLE CAN BE PART OF OUR EXTRAORDINARY CULTURAL LIFE. THE DANCE PARADE IS A TERRIFIC PARTNER IN THIS MISSION, ENGAGING NEW YORKERS IN THE ARTS AND ENCOURAGING THEM TO BECOME LIFELONG DANCE ENTHUSIASTS. I AM DELIGHTED TO JOIN IN CONGRATULATING ALL THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PARADE ON THIS MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY AND LOOK FORWARD TO MANY MORE YEARS OF DANCING IN THE STREETS!

NOW THEREFORE, I, BILL DE BLASIO, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SATURDAY, MAY 21ST, 2016 IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS:

"NEW YORK DANCE PARADE DAY"



Bill de Blasio

BILL DE BLASIO
MAYOR