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Dance Parade 455 FDR Drive, Suite B104 New York, NY 10002

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to everyone who will participate in and enjoy watching the 14th Annual New York Dance Parade and Festival in New York City, themed *Dance Without Borders Virtual Parade*.

The Empire State is home to some of the finest and most diverse resources for the creative and performing arts. Since its inception in 2007, 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, unifying, and healing art form, transforming passion, energy, and joy into movement. This year we cannot gather in the streets to dance together, while we remain socially distanced to curb the spread of the Coronavirus. The Dance Parade Team has come up with a creative program to continue this wonderful springtime tradition, including a Dare-To-Dance Challenge for everyone and a ribbon-cutting ceremony in honor of our valiant healthcare workers. On behalf of all New Yorkers, I congratulate Grand Marshals David Dorfman, Princess Lockerooo, DJ Liquid Todd, and Sarina Jain, as well as Executive Director Greg Miller, your generous sponsors and partners, and everyone involved with this terrific and happy event.

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

Sincerely,

ANDREW M. CUOMO

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