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SCOTT M. STRINGER BOROUGH PRESIDENT

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Greg Miller Founding Director, Dance Parade, Inc. 401 East 68th Street, 6A New York, NY 10021

I am writing this letter in support of New York's Second Annual New York Dance Parade, to be held on Saturday, May 17, 2008.

May 2007 brought New York City the first-ever parade and festival to celebrate all forms of dance. Dance Parade Inc., an all-volunteer New York State non-profit organization, brought over 3,000 dancers together with 13 floats. Dance Parade was an educational and festive event enjoyed by all who viewed the procession down Broadway and Fifth Avenue.

Dance Parade offers cross-cultural and cross community exposure for our city's education, therapeutic, entertainment, ethnic and liturgical communities and beyond. As New York City is often characterized as the melting pot of the world, my office supports DANCE PARADE and the subsequent bringing together of ethnic and dance cultures represented by the theme "One Parade – Many Cultures."

I commend DANCE PARADE's mission "to promote dance as an expressive and unifying art form by showcasing all forms of dance, educating the general public about the opportunities to experience dance, and celebrating diversity of dance in New York City by sponsoring a yearly city-wide Dance Parade and Dance Festival."

Sincerely,

Scott Stringer Manhattan Borough President