



WHEREAS, MAYOR CAROLYN GOODMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZE THE NEVADA BALLET THEATRE (NBT) AS IT CELEBRATE 52 YEARS OF PROVIDING DANCE AND BALLET IN THE STATE OF NEVADA; AND

WHEREAS, IN 1972, NANCY HOUSSELLS, CO-FOUNDED NEVADA DANCE THEATRE, NOW NEVADA BALLET THEATRE, WITH THE LATE VASSILI SULICH; AND

WHEREAS, NANCY HOUSSELLS' EARLY LEADERSHIP WAS INTEGRAL TO NBT BECOMING A PROFESSIONAL BALLET COMPANY. MS. HOUSSELLS WAS A DRIVING FORCE IN THE GROWTH OF NBT AND IN ESTABLISHING ITS HISTORICAL LEGACY WITHIN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA; AND

WHEREAS, NEVADA BALLET THEATRE IS A 501(C)(3) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION AND STANDS AS ONE OF THE CITY'S LARGEST AND MOST ICONIC ARTS INSTITUTIONS IN THE STATE OF NEVADA; AND

WHEREAS, THE NEVADA BALLET THEATRE IS THE RESIDENT BALLET COMPANY OF THE SMITH CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS. THIS BECAME A REALITY ON MAY 5, 2012, DURING THE COMPANY'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY. NBT PRESENTED A BRAND-NEW AND ORIGINAL PRODUCTION OF THE NUTCRACKER CHOREOGRAPHED BY JAMES CANFIELD COMPLETE WITH NEW SETS, COSTUMES, AND A FULL ORCHESTRA. IT IS THE FIRST PRODUCTION OF ITS KIND BUILT SPECIFICALLY FOR THE REYNOLDS HALL STAGE; AND

WHEREAS, NEVADA BALLET THEATRE IS COMPRISED OF THREE AREAS: PROFESSIONAL COMPANY, AN ENSEMBLE COMPANY COMPRISED OF DANCERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD; AFFILIATED SCHOOL, THE ONLY CENTER FOR DANCE EDUCATION IN LAS VEGAS THAT IS ASSOCIATED WITH A PROFESSIONAL BALLET COMPANY; COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM, PROVIDES FREE IN-SCHOOL DANCE INSTRUCTION TO STUDENTS. IN COMBINATION, SCHOLARSHIPS REACH OVER 20,000 STUDENTS ANNUALLY; AND

WHEREAS, THE LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES NEVADA BALLET THEATRE FOR ITS DEDICATION OF SHARING THE ART FORM OF DANCE WITH ALL AND ITS MISSION OF SEEKING NEW AUDIENCES AND CULTIVATING ITS NATIONAL IDENTITY THROUGH A DIVERSE REPERTOIRE AND NEW WORK; AND

WHEREAS, WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE NEVADA BALLET THEATRE IN LAS VEGAS BRINGING THE ART OF DANCE CULTURE TO RESIDENTS AND VISITORS. WE HONOR NEVADA BALLET THEATRE AS IT ENTERS INTO ITS 53RD PERFORMANCE SEASON THIS FALL. WE WISH ITS BOARD, LEADERSHIP, AND STAFF THE ABSOLUTE BEST AS THEY CONTINUE TO INSPIRE AUDIENCES AND VITALLY IMPACT COMMUNITY LIFE WITH ARTISTIC TALENT AND NEW WORKS, DANCE TRAINING, AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION; AND NOW


THEREFORE, WE THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL DO HEREBY PROUDLY PROCLAIM:

MAY 15, 2024

NEVADA BALLET THEATRE DAY


IN THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS AND ASK RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO JOIN WITH US.

Submitted at Meeting
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by Staff


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