



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago has long been home to fierce, innovative, and tenacious women, and one such resident – Nan Giordano – is a testament to this fact; and

WHEREAS, Nan Giordano began her career in dance when she was trained by her father, Gus Giordano, creator of the world-renowned Giordano Technique; and

WHEREAS, during her career as a dancer with Giordano Dance Chicago (GDC), America's original jazz dance company, Nan performed in productions around the world and in WTTW dance specials that were choreographed by her father including the Emmy winning piece, The Rehearsal; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Nan was appointed as Associate Director of Giordano Dance Chicago and in 1993 she was appointed the company's Artistic Director; and

WHEREAS, as Artistic Director, Nan has helped to develop a large and diverse repertoire including five works she choreographed and has bolstered GDC's reputation for excellence in the Chicago dance community, as well as the national and international dance communities; and

WHEREAS, in addition to working as Artistic Director at GDC, Nan serves as the Artistic Director of Jazz Dance World Congress, an event that brings dancers, choreographers, and teachers from more than 30 countries together to celebrate and learn dance; is the driving force behind Jazz Dance/ Science & Health, GDC's outreach program that works with four under-served Chicago Public Schools; and created the Giordano Certification Program, the world's preeminent authority on the teaching of the Giordano Technique; and

WHEREAS, Nan has served on the Illinois Arts Council Dance Panel, Community Arts Assistance Program Dance Panel for the City of Chicago, currently serves on the International Ballet Competition, National Honorary Committee and Advisory Board for Dance Magazine

WHEREAS, Nan has also received the Manford Byrd Jr. Wizard of Oz Award for Outstanding Service from Howland School of Arts and was recognized as a cover story in Dance Teacher Magazine's January 2018 issue; and

WHEREAS, Nan Giordano has continued to enrich the legacy of her father, preserve and promote the Giordano Technique, and advocate the power, athleticism, energy, and elegance of American Jazz Dance:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim June 9, 2018 to be NAN GIORDANO DAY IN CHICAGO in recognition of 33 years of indelible contributions to Giordano Dance Chicago and the dance world.

Dated this 8th day of June, 2018.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rahm Emanuel".

Mayor