



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO**

**LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Giordano Dance Chicago was founded in 1963 as Dance Incorporated Chicago by Gus Giordano and further developed by Nan Giordano; and

WHEREAS, Giordano Dance Chicago's core values of legacy, DEIA, community, and innovation is ingrained in every aspect of the organization and are evident in each program and performance; and

WHEREAS, the Giordano Technique is taught all over the world, which develops the next generation of dancers, choreographers, and performers through the Giordano Choreography Project, College Mentorship Program, and Nan Giordano Certification Program®; and

WHEREAS, Giordano Dance Chicago performances were often featured on WTTW, they performed American jazz for the touring Bolshoi Ballet, and became the first jazz dance company to tour in the Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS, Giordano Dance Chicago has been recognized for their accomplishments performing around the world, hosting the Jazz Dance World Congress, and artistic Director Nan Giordano and Executive Director Michael McStraw being recognized as Chicagoan of the Year in Dance by the Chicago Tribune in 2018 and 2022; and

WHEREAS, in addition to performing, Giordano Dance Chicago gives back to the community through outreach programs, classroom activities, the company's signature Jazz Dance/ Science & Health program, and by offering complimentary tickets to Giordano Dance Chicago's performances; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the milestone 60th Anniversary of Giordano Dance Chicago and will be celebrated with a season of innovative performances and events; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2023, Giordano Dance Chicago will hold their 60th Anniversary Gala in celebration of the accomplishments of the past 60 years while also looking ahead to the future:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim April 1, 2023 to be GIORDANO DANCE CHICAGO DAY IN CHICAGO in celebration of 60 years of jazz dance and education and in recognition of their indelible contributions to the performing arts community, the City of Chicago, and the world.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2023.


Mayor