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A Resolution Honoring Shen Yun Performing Arts

ADOPTED BY The City Council of the City of Chicago, Illinois

Presented by Alderman Emma Mitts on March 13, 2013

WHEREAS, Shen Yun Performing Arts, formerly known as Divine Performing Arts, is a cultural-arts and entertainment company based in New York. It performs classical Chinese dance, ethnic and folk dance, and story-based dance, with orchestral accompaniment and solo performers.

WHEREAS, Shen Yun Performing Arts, the largest ensemble of Chinese dancers, choreographers and musicians in the country, will perform an interesting cultural event in Chicago during May 10-12, 2013 at the Cadillac Palace Theatre in downtown Chicago; and

WHEREAS, According to Shen Yun, their name translates the phrase *Shen Yun* as "the beauty of divine beings dancing"; and

WHEREAS, Shen Yun Performing Arts was founded in 2006, as a company with approximately 30 dancers, as well as an orchestra, soloists, artistic directors and production staff. Today the group is composed of three performing arts companies: The New York Company, The Touring Company, and the International Company, with of a total of over 200 performers; and

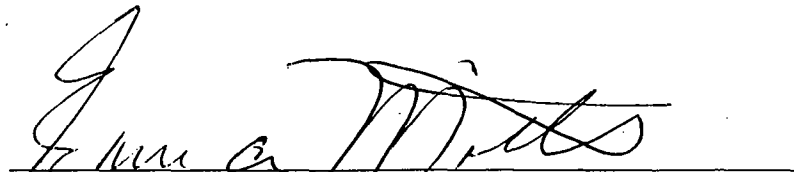
WHEREAS, For seven months a year, Shen Yun Performing Arts tours to over 130 cities across Europe, North America, Oceania, and Asia. Shen Yun's shows have been staged in several leading theaters, including New York's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, London's Royal Festival Hall, Washington DC's Kennedy Center, and Paris' Le Palais de Congrès; and

WHEREAS, the Shen Yun Performing Arts performances have been seen by an estimated one 1.5 million people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Shen Yun Performing Arts is widely heralded for providing their audiences with a visually stunning and spectacularly dazzling tour of 5,000 years of Chinese history and culture. They incorporate bravura displays of acrobatics and grandly evocative stories told through flourishes of Chinese classical dance; and now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this thirteenth day of March, 2013, do hereby applaud the cultural creativity of Shen Yun Performing Arts on their upcoming May 10-12, 2013 artistic performances on behalf of the citizens of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Shen Yun Performing Arts as a sign of our congratulations and good wishes during these series of Spring 2013 dance and cultural arts performances in Chicago.



Emma Mitts, Alderman - 37th Ward

