

## 2015-J1102

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gina Gibney upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Arts Management Award by the Brooklyn Arts Exchange Arts and Artists in Progress

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to honor and recognize those individuals whose commitment and creative talents contribute to the cultural enrichment of their communities and of the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gina Gibney upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Arts Management Award, to be celebrated at the 14th Annual Brooklyn Arts Exchange Arts and Artists in Progress Award Ceremony, on Saturday, March 28, 2015, at the Brooklyn Arts Exchange Building, Park Slope, Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Arts Exchange (BAX) Arts and Artists in Progress awards recognize individuals in the arts who have revealed and transformed their creative works; by instigating change they have deepened the definition of their field and paved the way for others; and

WHEREAS, These distinguished awards are given to some of the most talented, generous, creative, and inventive persons in New York City dance, theater or performance; each awardee is then asked to Pass It On, honoring a colleague who demonstrates the same qualities for which they, themselves, were chosen; and

WHEREAS, A native of Ohio, Gina Gibney currently resides in New York City; in 1991, she established Gibney Dance, a two facility resource center, with a vision to create contemporary choreography that expresses the humanity of the moving body and to reach societies in need; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Gibney Dance has generated a repertory of over 30 dance works, including 14 evening length projects which have been widely presented throughout the United States and abroad; and

WHEREAS, Highly sought-after by a wide range of performing arts institutions, Gina Gibney's work has been featured by such venues as Danspace Project, New York, White Bird, Oregon, the Yale Repertory Theater,

Connecticut, and L'Agora de la Danse, Montreal, Canada, as well as Internationale Tanzmesse, Dusseldorf, Germany; and WHEREAS, Described as a poet of modern dance by the NEW YORK TIMES, Gina Gibney has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the Northern Ohio Live Arts Award, the Copperfoot Award for Choreography, the Young Alumni Award, and the Our Town Thanks You Arts Award; she has also been recognized by Sanctuary for Families, Safe Horizon, and The Retreat, and was named a Finalist with the Alpert Award; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to bringing the power of dance, both in performance and in practice, to new audiences and communities, Gina Gibney has received support from numerous prestigious organizations, such as the National Endowment for the Arts, the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, Jerome Robbins Foundation, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the LuEsther T. Mertz Charitable Trust, Mertz Gilmore Foundation, and the New York Community Trust/Lila Acheson Wallace Theater Fund; and

WHEREAS, Gina Gibney serves as a member of the Directors of Dance/NYC Board, and is a former Director of both Danspace Project and Dance/NYC; she is also a frequent panelist and speaker on the topics of dance, social action, and entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those individuals who add strength, vigor and inspiration to the

cultural diversity and quality of life in the communities of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that we take time to celebrate the arts of our Nation, to honor our artists, and to express our appreciation to everyone who patronizes the arts; and as we celebrate the arts, we celebrate and give thanks to our American freedom, the only atmosphere in which artists can truly create and in which art is truly the expression of the soul; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gina Gibney upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Arts Management Award by the Brooklyn Arts Exchange Arts and Artists in Progress; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gina Gibney.