

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE LAGUNA DANCE FESTIVAL'S 10TH SEASON

WHEREAS, residents and visitors have been entertained and enlightened by Laguna Dance Festival's well-curated world-class dance performances and educational opportunities for ten seasons, since 2005; and

WHEREAS, Laguna Dance Festival was founded by artistic director Jodie Gates, a former prima ballerina who made Laguna Beach her home, recognized an opportunity to complement our community's artistic offerings by presenting an annual dance festival featuring the nation's top contemporary and classical dance companies, and does so each year with the support and hard work of the board of directors; and

WHEREAS, Laguna Dance festival has to date presented 35 companies, 55 performances, 30 master classes and more than 40 free events here in Laguna Beach; and

WHEREAS, Laguna Dance Festival's selections consistently garner critical acclaim, including our region's newspaper of record, THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER, which noted: "Alone among O.C.'s homegrown dance events, the Laguna Dance Festival contains choreography that challenges as it entertains, performed by dancers who can present it persuasively and with virtuosity."

NOW, THEREFORE, as Mayor of the City of Laguna Beach, I hereby proclaim the Laguna Dance Festival is to be recognized and celebrated for its ten seasons of supporting and promoting the development of dance creation, presentation and education, and increasing public appreciation of the art form in Orange County and beyond.

Dated: September 2, 2014

Elizabeth Pearson

Mayor
