

County of Essex, N.J.

Essex County Board of County Commissioners

Hereby issues this Resolution

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HONORING SHEN YUN PERFORMING ARTS DURING ITS 2025 SEASON AT THE NEW JERSEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AND STATE THEATRE NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Essex County Board of County Commissioners celebrates the 2025 tour season and return of **SHEN YUN PERFORMING ARTS** to New Jersey and Essex County. The performances will take place on Saturday, March 22nd and Sunday, March 23rd, 2025, at the State Theatre New Jersey in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and Wednesday, April 30th through Sunday, May 4th, 2025, at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, based in New York, New York, **SHEN YUN PERFORMING ARTS** is the world's premier classical Chinese dance and music company, with a mission of reviving the essence of 5,000 years of traditional Chinese culture, arts, and values, which have been largely destroyed in China under communist rule. Over the past 19 years, it has grown from one to eight dance companies. Each year, it tours 200 cities around the world and reaches an audience of over one million with an all-new production every year. It has become a global cultural phenomenon; and

WHEREAS, **SHEN YUN PERFORMING ARTS** is an important international bridge between Chinese and American culture. A 2023 Washington Post article compares the organization, though privately funded, to cultural diplomacy arts programs funded by the U.S. State Department during the Cold War; and

WHEREAS, each **SHEN YUN PERFORMING ARTS** show involves about 80 performers, including its own live orchestra with all-original compositions blending the East and the West. In more than 20 programs in one show, the organization invites you to recall the grandeur of ancient palaces; soar high up in the heavens with celestial fairies; and follow warriors' resounding drums across the plateaus of the Middle Kingdom. The state-of-the-art animated digital backdrops transport the audience to distant eras and lands, and hundreds of colorful, handmade costumes span China's regions, ethnicities and dynasties; and

WHEREAS, **SHEN YUN PERFORMING ARTS** draws on ancient Chinese wisdom, infused with Buddhist and Taoist spirituality and values, that gave birth to many aspects of culture that we enjoy today: from opera, dance, and martial arts, to architecture, and medical and engineering innovations. While too much of this vibrant culture has been destroyed or forgotten, fortunately, the artistic freedom of the West enables these performers and artists to revive genuine ancient Chinese traditions; and

WHEREAS, **SHEN YUN PERFORMING ARTS** is the world's premier classical Chinese dance and music company. It seeks to breathe new life into traditional Chinese culture, and to provide an experience of sublime beauty. The company's repertoire is drawn from the pages of history, classic legends, diverse ethnic traditions, and universal themes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of County Commissioners hereby congratulates and commends **SHEN YUN PERFORMING ARTS** on the occasion of its 2025 tour season and return to New Jersey and Essex County.



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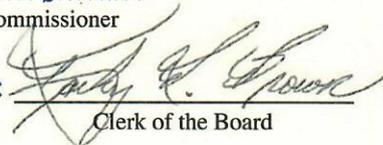
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Attest:



Clerk of the Board

Date: April 30, 2025