Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Toledo

WHEREAS, the dancers, parents and lovers of the art of ballet have stood strong and shown their dedication and willingness to give of themselves to start a new company that has created an environment that is safe, friendly, conducive to study and to have fun; and

WHEREAS, the founding members have declared their priority, in all things, to be the art of ballet, the dancers and the audiences of the City of Toledo and the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the ballet school will strive to provide ballet instruction to male and female dancers at a level second to none in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Ballet Theatre of Toledo will promote the elegance and excitement, the magic and splendor of ballet with programs for local schools and other organizations in the area, with demonstrations, guest appearances and performances.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jack Ford, Mayor of the City of Toledo hereby officially recognize the

Ballet Theatre of Toledo, Inc.

and do urge all citizens to join me in recognizing this outstanding organization. I encourage the residents of Toledo to join in celebrating the importance of dance in the arts and our lives. On behalf of the City of Toledo, I extend my best wishes to the founders, students, and all performers for many years of success.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of Toledo to be affixed hereto this 16th day of August 2005.

Jack Ford Mayor