

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE NATIONAL DANCE THEATRE COMPANY &
THE STELLA MARIS DANCE ENSEMBLE TO
RECEIVE THE KEYS TO THE CITY OF KINGSTON**

WHEREAS the National Dance Theatre Company (NDTC) has been in existence having been in existence since 1962 and has contributed exemplary cultural value to the Jamaica's cultural development

WHEREAS the Stella Maris Dance Ensemble has been in existence for 32 years and has likewise contributed equally to enriching cultural expression through dance;

AND WHEREAS the NDTC directors and founders such as Professor, The Hon. Ralston 'Rex' Nettleford, OM and Mr Eddy Thomas have contributed significantly to the development of the performing arts;

AND WHEREAS the NDTC directors and founders such as Dr Monika Lawrence and Sister Mary Josephs have contributed significantly to the development of the performing arts and education;

AND WHEREAS the NDTC and the Stella Maris Ensemble are among the oldest performance arts groups in Jamaica;

AND WHEREAS in 1986 the Stella Maris Dance Ensemble became the youngest group to represent Jamaica overseas when they toured the Cayman Islands and were the first group to ever win both Junior and Intermediate categories at the JCDC's Festival Dance competition;

AND WHEREAS the both groups have received numerous local and international awards, honours and accolades throughout their years of performing;

AND WHEREAS the NDTC was awarded a Musgrave Gold Medal for its contribution to dance in 1987;

AND WHEREAS both groups have performed across the globe in countries including the USA, Canada, Cayman Islands, Bahamas, West Germany, Puerto Rico, Bahamas, Spain, Mexico The United Kingdom, Trinidad and many others;

AND WHEREAS the both groups have contributed significantly to the development of youth and communities through the arts;

AND WHEREAS the NDTC and the Stella Maris Dance Ensemble have supported several corporate and charitable events across the city of Kingston for decades;