



The Senate of the State of New York

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF YOHO ARTIST STUDIOS

Whereas, A GREAT STATE IS ONLY AS GREAT AS THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR ORGANIZATIONS WHO PERFORM EXEMPLARY SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THEIR COMMUNITY, AND IT IS THE CUSTOM OF THIS GREAT STATE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THAT OUTSTANDING SERVICE; AND

Whereas, **YOHO ARTIST STUDIOS** IS LOCATED AT 540 NEPPERHAN AVENUE AND 578 NEPPERHAN AVENUE, TWO BUILDINGS SITED IN THE HISTORIC ALEXANDER SMITH CARPET MILLS IN THE CITY OF YONKERS, NEW YORK, WHICH ONCE HOUSED THE LARGEST CARPET MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN THE WORLD, AND THE STUDIOS ORIGINATED FROM THE VISION OF **ALLAN EISENKRAFT**, WHO OWNED THE BUILDINGS FOR TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS AND IMPLEMENTED A DESIGN AND RENOVATION PLAN TO TRANSFORM THIS PROPERTY INTO AN ARTIST COMMUNITY; AND

Whereas, THE TWO BUILDINGS WERE PURCHASED BY **GEORGE HUANG** OF *HEIGHTS REAL ESTATE* IN 2005, WHEN ONLY TWENTY FIVE ARTISTS OCCUPIED THE STUDIOS, AND MR. HUANG'S GOAL WAS TO EXPAND UPON **ALLAN EISENKRAFT'S** VISION BY CREATING MORE ARTIST STUDIOS, A PERMANENT ART GALLERY AND AN ARTISTS LOUNGE, ALL IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE NEED FOR AFFORDABLE STARTING-UNITS FOR ARTISTS IN YONKERS, NEW YORK; AND

Whereas, IN ONLY FOUR YEARS, **YOHO ARTIST STUDIOS** HAS GROWN IN BOTH THE NUMBER OF STUDIOS AND THE NUMBER OF ARTISTS, AND RESIDENT ARTISTS REPRESENT A COMMUNITY OF CREATIVELY INSPIRED INDIVIDUALS WHOSE WORKS ARE ENHANCED BY THE IMAGINATIVE, OPEN AND NON-COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT THAT THE STUDIOS PROVIDE, AND, IN ADDITION TO BEING A VITAL COMPONENT OF THE YONKERS ART RENAISSANCE; THE STUDIOS HAVE BECOME ONE OF THE LARGEST CONCENTRATIONS OF ARTISTS IN SOUTHERN WESTCHESTER; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

Resolved, THAT I, **STATE SENATOR ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS**, RECOGNIZE THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF **YOHO ARTIST STUDIOS** AND JOIN WITH THE RESIDENTS OF THE 35TH DISTRICT AND ALL OF NEW YORK STATE TO RECOGNIZE **YOHO ARTIST STUDIOS** FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY; AND BE IT FURTHER

Resolved, THAT I, **STATE SENATOR ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS**, DO HEREBY JOIN WITH THE RESIDENTS OF NEW YORK STATE AND PROCLAIM THIS DAY, **SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2009** AS **YOHO ARTIST STUDIOS DAY** THROUGHOUT NEW YORK STATE'S 35TH SENATE DISTRICT.

DATED: APRIL 18, 2009

In Witness Whereof,

I Have Set My Hand and Signature

Andrea Stewart-Cousins

ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS
New York State Senate, 35th District

