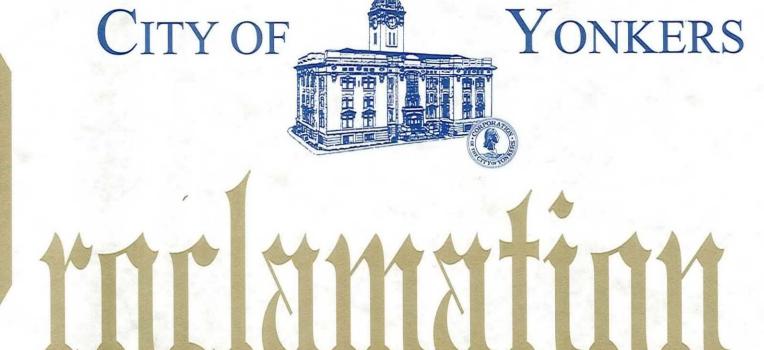
Office of the Mayor CITY OF





HEREAS:

The City of Yonkers is privileged to be the beneficiary of many devoted and dedicated supporters of the arts and, in recent years our City has become home to a thriving artist community, and

WHEREAS:

Foremost among these entities is Nepperhan Heights Associates, home to the YOHO ARTIST STUDIOS, the largest professional art community in the area, which today unveils its new façade and entrance, thus announcing its new role as Southern Westchester's Center for the Arts, and

WHEREAS:

YOHO ARTIST STUDIOS, located in the 100-year old historic former home of the Alexander Smith Carpet Mills, is home to over twenty-five artists and craftsmen, including painters, sculptors, etchers, jewelers, photographers, and

WHEREAS:

Nepperhan Heights Associates and Heights Real Estate purchased the five-story historic landmark nearly five years ago with high hopes of expanding the existing art community in Yonkers and since then, has seen great success as the building quickly filled with emerging and well-established artists, eager to expand their creativity in their own private studios, and

WHEREAS:

The ceremonial ribbon cutting precedes the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual YOHO Artist Open Studio, which gives the public an opportunity to see where art is made, interact with artists and familiarize themselves with the creative process, materials and the varied range of works.

NOW, THEREFORE I, PHILIP A. AMICONE, Mayor of the City of Yonkers do hereby designate this 16th day of April 2009 to be:

## YOHO ARTIST STUDIOS DAY

in the City of Yonkers, and I call upon the residents of our city to join with me in extending a warm and sincere congratulations to the YOHO ARTIST STUDIOS and George Huang, Managing Partner of Nepperhan Heights Associates for transforming this landmark building into a county-wide and regional arts center and wish them continued success for many years to come.

Given over my hand and the Seal of the City of Yonkers, New York this 16th day of April 2009.

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