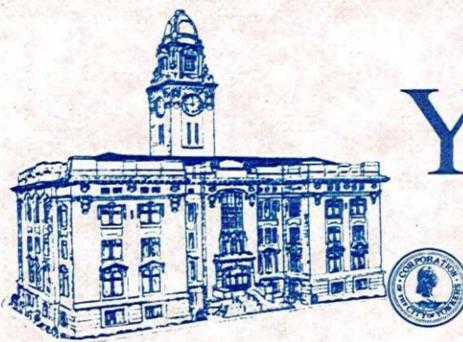


Office of the Mayor

CITY OF



YONKERS

Proclamation



HEREAS:

As Mayor of the City of Yonkers, I am proud to recognize the many artists, artisans and new media professionals, who have worked so diligently over the years to ensure Yonkers' role as the largest professional art community in the area, and

WHEREAS:

Foremost among these entities is the **YOHO ARTIST STUDIOS**, which today officially opens its new wing, featuring 25 studios, a gallery and community space, adding to the community of artists already occupying some 50 older studios on the fifth floor of this building, and

WHEREAS:

Located at 578 Nepperhan Avenue, in the heart of the historic Nepperhan Valley, **YOHO ARTIST STUDIOS** is an organization of Yonkers-based artists having studios and producing their works in renovated loft spaces in the former Alexander Smith Carpet Mills buildings, and

WHEREAS:

Owned and operated by Heights Real Estate, which purchased the five-story historic landmark building, the **YOHO ARTIST STUDIOS** has seen great success in drawing artists to the affordable spacious work lofts, thus creating an environment filled with emerging and well-established artists, eager to expand their creativity in their own private studios, and

WHEREAS:

The new wing and expansion of **YOHO ARTIST STUDIOS** will be open to the public during its 10th Annual Open Studios event, whereby artists open their workspaces to the public and display their work, and this event is considered one of the largest of its kind in the greater NYC metropolitan region and is an annual favorite for art enthusiasts, arts professionals and the public, and

WHEREAS:

The City of Yonkers raises its voices in tribute to the **YOHO ARTIST STUDIOS** on the occasion of this long-awaited expansion and congratulate all the participants of the Open Studios Event, celebrating ten years of providing the residents of our City and beyond the opportunity to tour the studios of working professional artists.

NOW, THEREFORE I, MIKE SPANO, Mayor of the City of Yonkers do hereby designate this day, the 17th day of April 2013 to pay special tribute to the:

YOHO ARTIST STUDIOS

in the City of Yonkers, and I call upon the residents of our City to join with me in extending our gratitude to the **YOHO ARTIST STUDIOS** and **George Huang**, Property Manager of Heights Real Estate, for their success in creating this epicenter of the arts in our region and wish them continued success for many years to come.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Yonkers, New York this 17th day of April 2013.

MIKE SPANO
MAYOR

