OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Merce Cunningham Dance Company is making its final appearance in Chicago November 18-19 near the completion of an historic two-year, world-wide Legacy Tour; and

WHEREAS, this Tour will celebrate the creativity of American choreographer Merce Cunningham (1919-2009) and feature the final generation of dancers chosen and trained by Cunningham himself; and

WHEREAS, Cunningham's lifelong passion for dance and his innovative choreography continues to inspire generations of audiences and dance artists, putting forth new concepts for the choreography, dance technique and artistic collaboration in concert dance; and

WHEREAS, over the past 60 years the Cunningham Dance Company has appeared many times in Chicago, a city that Merce himself stated "has wonderful audience for dance"; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to honor Cunningham's extraordinary love of dance, as well as honor the last dancers he chose and trained for his company:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2011, to be MERCE CUNNINGHAM DAY IN CHICAGO, and urge all Chicagoans to recognize the many contributions made by the Merce Cunningham Dance Company and its final generation of dancers trained by Merce Cunningham.

Dated this 3rd Day of November, 2011.

Rahm Emanuel

Mayor