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To recognize and celebrate Shen Yun Performing Arts for their professional excellence and for sharing Chinese Culture.

**WHEREAS**, Shen Yun Performing Arts was founded in 2006 in New York by Chinese dancers, choreographers, and musician and is now the largest ensemble of Chinese performers in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Shen Yun is entering eleven full seasons of shows. In the past ten years Shen Yun has toured over thirty countries and 130 cities; and

**WHEREAS**, Shen Yun's shows are comprised of a number of different forms of Chinese Dance meant to be presented in tandem to create a cohesive narrative. The stories in the shows often depict Chinese legends, values and ideas while being intimately tied to Chinese history; and

**WHEREAS**, all of Shen Yun's scores and choreography are created specifically for the show. The Orchestra combines Western and Chinese instruments to create a single unique, harmonious sound; and

**WHEREAS**, Shen Yun has been described as beautifully crafted and highly professional by critics. The show is considered to be a flawless and one in a life time experience of musical storytelling and cultural interest; and

**WHEREAS**, Shen Yun Performing Arts will be offering four shows at the Ohio Theatre from May 5-7, 2017. The shows consist of about twenty short pieces that span just over two hours; and

**WHEREAS**, Shen Yun's show are not only beautiful and stunningly unique, they are also an opportunity to bridge cultural understanding across geographic and cultural borders. The performances' visuals communicate thousands of years of cultural heritage to audiences around the world allowing for a much deeper appreciation of Chinese history and of multiculturalism; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS**: That this Council does hereby recognize and celebrate, Shen Yun Performing Arts, for their incredible work in creating one of the richest cultural and visually stunning shows in the world.