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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**DEBORAH GLICK TO RECEIVE AWARD AT ANNUAL DRAG BALL**

NEW YORK - The Imperial Court of New York, producers of the annual NIGHT OF A THOUSAND GOWNS Charity/Coronation Ball, announced recently that Assembly-person Deborah Glick will be the recipient of this year's Imperial Diamond Award. Ms. Glick is the openly lesbian Assemblyperson of New York State who has been on the forefront of gay and lesbian rights. This annual black tie event, which celebrates the high style of the transgender community, has been set for March 25th at the Sheraton New York Hotel. The beneficiaries of this much awaited event are the Community Health Project (CHP) and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). Ms. Glick will be the fifth recipient of this prestigious award given every year for outstanding service to the lesbian and gay community.

The Night of a Thousand Gowns will also culminate and celebrate the successful reign of reigning Empress VIII Billie Ann Miller and Emperor V Ron. Ron currently serves on Community Board No. 2 - Manhattan, where he is the co-chair of the Lesbian and Gay Issues Committee. Billie Ann has been involved with fund raising for the community for 25 years, both in New York City and on Fire Island; most notably with the Arts Project of Cherry Grove. Both Emperor Ron and Empress Billie Ann have traveled extensively and performed all over the United States and Canada representing the New York Court at regal functions. They have also graced numerous fundraising events in the city.

This year's beneficiaries are the Community Health Project (CHP) and the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). GLAAD, founded in 1985, is dedicated to fair, accurate and inclusive representation of gay men, lesbians and bisexuals in the media. CHP, founded in 1983, is New York's only community based medical facility dedicated to meeting the myriad health care needs of the lesbian, gay and HIV/AIDS communities -- regardless of ability to pay.

The Night of a Thousand Gowns is the most glamorous fundraising event on the New York gay scene. Over the years, the Imperial Court of New York has raised over \$100,000 for various organizations including the Gay Men's Health Crises, The Anti-Violence Project, Gay Games IV, PWAC-NY, Body Positive, the PWA Health Group, Gay Games IV, and the Community Center of New York.

The Imperial Court is well-loved in the gay community. They participate in many community fundraising events throughout the year: Whether it is entertaining PWAs at hospitals, passing out condoms at Grand Central Station, entertaining seniors at social events, adding additional glamour to events such as the recent Dada Ball, Wigstock or the Heritage of Pride Awards, or performing at fundraising shows. They are glamorous. They are fun. They are everywhere.

This is one Ball you do not want to miss. For ticket information, call [REDACTED]