

## RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR SCFD REAUTHORIZATION

**Whereas**, the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) is a nationally acclaimed model for funding public access to diverse arts, culture, nature, and science programming throughout our seven-county metro region; and

**Whereas**, the SCFD provides funding from a one-tenth of one cent sales tax throughout our seven-county metro region to more than 300 small and large metropolitan arts and science organizations and does so with minimal regulation and overhead; and

**Whereas**, approximately 14.2 million people visited our metro region's cultural institutions in 2014; and

**Whereas**, in 2014, SCFD funding allowed more than half of those who attended regional organizations to visit at reduced rates or for free, and allowed the region's cultural organizations to offer more than 100 free days a year, along with free programs and exhibits, to 5.2 million attendees; and

**Whereas**, SCFD-funded organizations provide entertainment, education and enlightenment for millions of metro residents, including 4.25 million tours and cultural experiences for school children; and

**Whereas**, SCFD funding helps metro cultural organizations preserve and protect priceless collections of animals, art, plants, natural history and historical sites; and

**Whereas**, the most recent economic activity study of the arts shows the region's cultural organizations and facilities generate more than \$1.85 billion a year in economic activity, providing more than 10,000 jobs and generating \$520 million in cultural tourism; and

**Whereas**, the SCFD has been approved by the legislature and endorsed by voters in three separate region-wide elections in 1988, 1994 and 2004; and

**Whereas**, the SCFD's board conducted a three-year public process to identify recommended changes, and has adopted a series of significant enhancements to improve effectiveness of the District; and

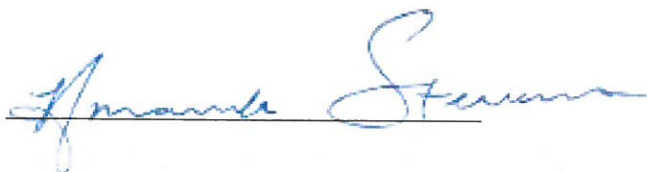
**Whereas**, on April 29, 2016, Governor Hickenlooper signed SCFD's reauthorizing legislation, which both the Colorado Senate and House of Representatives approved with strong bi-partisan majorities; and

**Whereas**, the SCFD's modest one-tenth of a cent sales tax equals one penny per \$10 purchase; and


**Whereas**, voters will decide this year whether to extend the existing tax for an additional 12 years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT REOLVED ON THIS** 8th day of September 2016, that the

Jeffco Public Schools Board of Education supports the renewal of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District, and urges all voters to support the renewal of SCFD and the continued benefits that it provides.



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