

RESOLUTION NO. 17-05

**A Resolution of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District
Pertaining to Arts Funding for FY 2017 Federal Appropriations**

WHEREAS, the arts, culture, humanities, and museums are critical to the quality of life and prosperity of America's cities; and

WHEREAS, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and the Office of Museum Services (OMS) within the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) are the primary federal agencies that provide federal funding for the arts, cultural, humanities and museum programs, activities, and efforts in the cities and states of America; and

WHEREAS, the NEA's and the NEH's 50-plus years of promoting cultural heritage and vitality throughout the nation has built a cultural infrastructure in this nation of arts and humanities agencies in every state, more than 95,000 nonprofit arts organizations, and 4,500 local arts agencies in cities throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, federal arts funding leverages on average more than nine times in matching funds from state and local governments, private foundations, corporations and individuals in communities across the nation to support the highest quality cultural programs in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) through their "Arts and Cultural Production Satellite Account" calculates the arts and culture sector's contributions to U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) at 4.2 percent or \$730 billion; and

WHEREAS, federal arts funding to cities, towns and states has helped stimulate the growth of local arts agencies in America's cities and counties with \$795 million annually in *local government* funding, \$360 million in *state government* funding to the arts, \$148 million each in *federal government* funding for the NEA and NEH and \$31.3 million for museums within IMLS, and \$17.23 billion in *private giving* to the arts, culture and humanities; and

WHEREAS, federal funding for cultural activities stimulates local economies and improves the quality of civic life throughout the country, the NEA, NEH and IMLS support programs, such as the Mayors' Institute on City Design (MICD) which enhances community development, promotes cultural planning, stimulates business development, spurs urban renewal, attracts new businesses, draws significant cultural tourism dollars, and improves the overall quality of life in our cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, federal funding for cultural activities is essential to promote full access to and participation in exhibits, performances, arts education and other cultural events regardless of family income; and

WHEREAS, the NEA plays a very important role in developing partnerships with other federal agencies such as HUD, Defense, Education and Transportation, to open new channels for arts organizations to work with all aspects of government; and

WHEREAS, the NEA is a critical source of funding for Colorado non-profit arts organizations, individuals, and Creative Districts; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 and 2016, 459 organizations, individuals, and Creative Districts throughout Colorado benefited from NEA grants; and

WHEREAS, the impact of NEA funding in Colorado in 2016 including funding to Colorado Creative Industries' through the NEA/CCI Partnership Agreement (the required state match), and NEA direct grants to arts organizations in 2016 was \$3,148,600; and

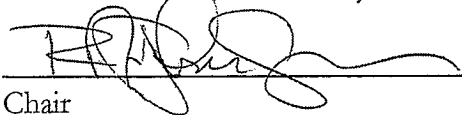
WHEREAS, Federal funding for the arts ensures that the arts remain equitable and for all people. In 2016 the National Endowment for the Arts invested more than \$1.2 million dollars in organizations from the SCFD District.

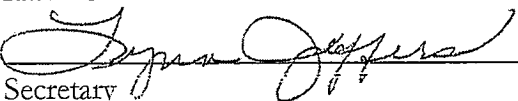
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL FACILITIES DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

The Scientific and Cultural Facilities District declares its support of the National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Office of Museum Services within the Institute of Museum and Library Services and calls upon Congress to support these agencies in the FY 2017 federal appropriations bills at least \$155 million each for the NEA and NEH, and \$38.6 million for museums within the IMLS to serve arts organizations of all sizes in communities across the country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The Scientific and Cultural Facilities District calls on the federal government to invest in nonprofit arts organizations through local arts agencies as a catalyst to generate economic impact, create jobs, stimulate business development, spur urban renewal, attract tourists and area residents to community activities, and to improve the overall quality of life in America's cities.

Introduced and approved at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District, the 23rd day of March, 2017.


Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary

