SPONSORED BY: MAYOR DOWNING

COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL FACILITIES DISTRICT (SCFD)

WHEREAS, the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) is a nationally acclaimed regional model for funding cultural organizations; and

WHEREAS, the SCFD provides vital funding to nearly 300 cultural and science organizations throughout our seven-county metro region, and does so with minimal regulation and overhead; and

WHEREAS, the source of SCFD's funding is a one-tenth of one cent sales tax, which equates to one cent on a $10 purchase; and

WHEREAS, the SCFD has been approved by the Colorado Legislature and endorsed by voters in three region-wide elections in 1988, 1994 and 2004; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, voters in our seven-county metro region will be asked to extend, not increase, the tax for an additional 12 years; and

WHEREAS, SCFD-funded cultural organizations annually welcome approximately 14.6 million visitors, and last year, SCFD funding provided 5.2 million people with free admission to regional cultural institutions and allowed another 4.2 million people to visit at reduced cost; and

WHEREAS, the most recent economic activity study of the arts in our metro region reveals that cultural organizations and facilities generate more than $1.85 billion a year in economic activity, more than 10,000 jobs, and over $410 million in cultural tourism; and

WHEREAS, SCFD funding helps organizations preserve and protect priceless collections of animals, art, plants, natural history and historical sites for citizens to learn from and enjoy for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, SCFD-funded organizations provide entertainment, education and enlightenment for millions of residents, including 4 million tours and cultural experiences for school children, both in classrooms and at the cultural facilities, annually; and

WHEREAS, the Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation is a respected and thriving SCFD-funded organization in Adams County, which contributes to the unique cultural richness and quality of life for the people of this community and throughout our region; and

WHEREAS, from 2013 to 2015, the SCFD Board conducted a public process, during which it adopted significant funding and programming enhancements to improve the effectiveness of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The City of Northglenn supports the reauthorization of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) with the provisions adopted by the SCFD Board and urges each member of the Colorado General Assembly and voters throughout our seven-county metro region to support the SCFD reauthorization.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this _____ day of _____, 2016.

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JOYCE DOWNING
Mayor

ATTEST:

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JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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COREY Y. HOFFMANN
City Attorney