

CITY OF EDGEWATER

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 08
SERIES OF 2016**

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 a cent sales tax in our seven-county metro area 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 RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDGEWATER THAT:

The City Council 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.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED this 7thday of July, 2016.

/s/ Kris Teegardin
Kris Teegardin, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Pam Anderson
Pam Anderson
Interim City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Thad Renaud, City Attorney