



**Renewal of Scientific and Cultural Facilities District
Resolution of Support**

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Whereas, the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District is a nationally acclaimed method to fund cultural organizations; and

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

Whereas, more than 9 million people visited the Denver metro area's cultural institutions in 2001, which is more than attended professional sporting events (5.3 million) or visited Front Range Colorado's ski resorts (7.5 million); and

Whereas, SCFD-funded organizations provide entertainment, education and enlightenment for millions of metro residents. Cultural organizations provide tours and cultural experiences for 2 million school children annually. More than 1 million people a year enroll in free and paid cultural classes and activities. An equal number are members of metro cultural organizations. Nearly 1 million underserved audiences such as children below the poverty level, seniors and diverse ethnic audiences experienced cultural programs in 2001. In addition, regional organizations offer area residents more than 100 free days a year; 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 region's cultural organizations and facilities generate more than \$1 billion a year in economic impact and provide more than 7,000 jobs; and

Whereas, cultural tourism generated \$139 million in 2001. Eleven of the top 15 tourism attractions in the metro area are beloved cultural organizations such as the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Denver Zoo, Denver Art Museum, Denver Botanic Gardens and Denver Center for Performing Arts; and

Whereas, cultural programming in Colorado has been significantly cut due to state budget reductions and the economic downturn; and

Whereas, the SCFD has been approved by the legislature and endorsed by voters in two region-wide elections in 1988 and 1994; and, in order to be continued, the SCFD must be reauthorized by voters on or before 2006; and

Whereas, the SCFD's modest one-tenth of a cent sales tax equals only one cent on a \$10 purchase and in 2004 voters will be asked to extend, not increase the tax for an additional 12 year.

Now, therefore be it resolved, on this day January 29, 2004 that the 31 member Metro Mayors Caucus supports the reauthorization of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District and urges legislative and voter support for renewal of the District and the continued benefits the SCFD provides.

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Chairman of the Metro Mayors Caucus