

RESOLUTION No.

35629

Declare support for continued funding of the National Endowment for the Arts in FY1998 (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the arts are critical to the quality of life and livability of our communities, and

WHEREAS, the NEA makes it possible for millions of school children including at-risk youth to participate and enjoy the arts and improve overall student learning, instill self-esteem and discipline and provide creative outlets for self expression

WHEREAS, the NEA ensures accessibility to the arts for everyone - to enjoy and practice. The NEA helps make the arts affordable to the average person, who otherwise would be faced with unaffordable tickets and participation fees, and

WHEREAS, the NEA is responsible for building the cultural infrastructure of our country Over the last 30 years, the NEA has made it possible for cultural institutions to better serve the needs of our unique communities The \$99.5 million invested in the NEA by the federal government is used by non-profit art groups to leverage almost 11 times that amount for the highest quality arts programs in the world The arts stimulate new business investment, attract tourism dollars and spur urban renewal, and

WHEREAS, cultural agencies that receive NEA grants are required to match federal monies, and in some cases, three or four to one This national recognition serves as a fundraising catalyst in our communities, and

WHEREAS, the non-profit arts industry supports 1.3 million jobs annually \$36.8 billion in economic activity and returns \$3.4 billion in income taxes, and

WHEREAS, the arts attract new tourism dollars -- the fastest growing economic market in the country today Cultural tourism is repeatedly cited by visitors as the leading reason for visiting a community, and

WHEREAS, the arts enjoy bi-partisan support at the federal, state and local level. 100 percent of state governments and 100 percent of the 50 largest cities provide public funding for the arts, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to maintain a strong federal, state and local partnership. A tremendous domino effect would occur if the federal government's role in public funding for the arts were to dramatically change A delicate balance exists in public support for the arts among all three levels of government

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Portland resolves to support continued funding for the National Endowment for the Arts in FY1998 and strongly urges Oregon's Congressional delegation to work to preserve this National asset

Adopted by the Council. JUL 16 1997

Commissioner Kafoury
Melissa Litin

July 10, 1997

BARBARA CLARK

Auditor of the City of Portland

By

Betta Olson

Deputy

1093

Agenda No

RESOLUTION NO

Title

35629

Declare support for continued funding for the National Endowment for the Arts in FY1998

INTRODUCED BY	Date Filed	JUL 11 1997
Commissioner Gretchen Miller Kafoury	Barbara Clark Auditor of the City of Portland	
NOTED BY COMMISSIONER		
Affairs <i>GM</i>	By	<i>Cay Kirchner</i> Deputy
Finance and Administration		
Safety	For Meeting of	
Utilities	Action Taken	
Works		
BUREAU APPROVAL		
Bureau <i>COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS</i>		
Prepared by Melissa Litun	Date July 10, 1997	
Budget Impact Review		
Completed	X Not Required	
Bureau Head		

AGENDA		FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS		
				YEAS	NAYS
Consent	Regular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Francesconi	Francesconi	✓	
NOTED BY		Hales	Hales	✓	
City Attorney		Kafoury	Kafoury	✓	
City Auditor		Sten	Sten	✓	
City Engineer		Katz	Katz	✓	