

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 285545

ADOPTED ON MAR 27 1995

WHEREAS, San Diego's arts and cultural institutions are critical to the quality of life and livability in our City, its communities, neighborhoods, and schools; and

WHEREAS, San Diego's arts and cultural institutions promote economic vitality throughout the region, and support a cultural industry and infrastructure that enhances San Diego's reputation as a tourist and business destination of international importance; and

WHEREAS, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and Institute for Museum Services (IMS) are the primary federal agencies that provide \$2.5 million annually for arts, humanities, museum programs, services, and educational outreach throughout San Diego; and

WHEREAS, this funding leverages support for a \$66 million industry that has a \$266 million impact on the San Diego economy, employs over 3,700 San Diegans, and returns over \$7.5 million in local and state tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego has received direct benefits from the NEA since 1990, with grants totaling \$80,000 and in FY 95 with a \$100,000 grant pending; leveraging matching dollars; placing works of art in the neighborhoods; and providing programs and services to San Diego arts and culture communities; and

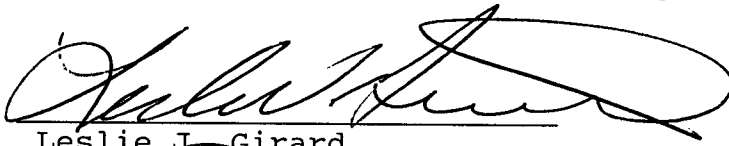
WHEREAS, the reduction or elimination of the NEA, NEH, and IMS would have a disastrous effect on San Diego's arts and cultural institutions, their programs, and services; and

WHEREAS, San Diego's arts and cultural institutions provide insight into diverse cultures and perspectives in our communities, improve our neighborhoods and bring greater understanding among all our citizens; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that the City of San Diego respectfully requests the President and Congress to reauthorize the NEA, NEH, and IMS for five (5) years and to continue appropriations at or above their current levels.

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