

RESOLUTION NO. 15-36

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL FACILITIES DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District is a nationally acclaimed model for funding 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 13 million people visited the Denver metro area's cultural institutions in 2014, and SCFD funding allowed more than half of those attending regional organizations to visit at reduced rates or for free, and offered more than 100 free days a year, while all of the region's cultural organizations provided free programs and exhibits to 4 million attendees; and

WHEREAS, SCFD-funded organizations provide entertainment, education and enlightenment for millions of metro residents, including 4 million tours and cultural experiences for school children, both in classrooms and at the cultural facilities, annually; 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 \$410 million in cultural tourism; and

WHEREAS, the SCFD has been approved by the legislature and endorsed by voters in three 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 the effectiveness of the District; and

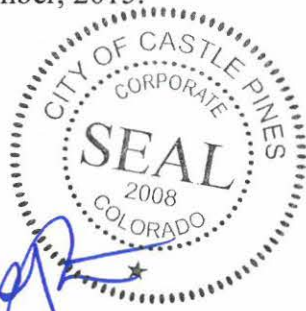
WHEREAS, the SCFD's modest one-tenth of a cent sales tax equals only one cent on a \$10 purchase, and in 2016 voters will be asked to extend, not increase, the tax for an additional 12 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES THAT:


Section 1. The City Council of the City of Castle Pines supports the renewal of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District with the provisions adopted by the SCFD Board and urges legislative and voter support for renewal of the District and the continued benefits the SCFD provides.

Section 2. This resolution will take effect upon its approval by the City Council.

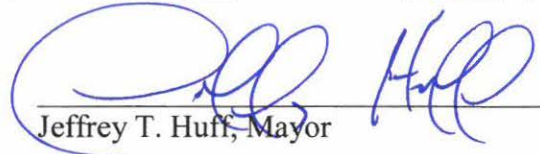
INTRODUCED, READ, AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES by a vote of 7 in favor and 0 against this 8th day of December, 2015.



ATTEST:



Sharon Washington, City Clerk



Jeffrey T. Huff, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Linda C. Michow, City Attorney