

## RESOLUTION

**Proclaiming October 18, 2006 as Arts and Culture Day in Cuyahoga County and urging the citizens of Cuyahoga County to support Issue 18, the tobacco excise tax, on November 7, 2006.**

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**WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County has been nationally and internationally recognized for its extraordinary artists and arts and culture organizations.**

**WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County's non-profit arts and culture sector produces 3,000 family-supporting jobs.**

**WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County's arts and culture for-profit businesses, including architecture, industrial design, commercial art, photography, film, video, animation, sound studios and several labor and trade unions, produce over 7,000 jobs.**

**WHEREAS, integrating arts education into core curriculum, regardless of students' socioeconomic status, improves education, and evidenced by consistently higher standardized test scores, high school graduation rates and college placement.**

**WHEREAS, tourist and convention planners rank the City of Cleveland number one as a destination city for its classical music, theater and museums.**

**WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County's high concentration of internationally renowned arts and cultural institutions and individual performing, visual, literary and media artists is essential for Cleveland to be a thriving city of choice for idea and knowledge-based businesses and entrepreneurs that represent the new economies of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.**

**WHEREAS, communities throughout Cuyahoga County are using arts and culture to strengthen and revitalize their legacies of being great places to live and raise families.**

**WHEREAS, Cleveland arts and culture assets provide important intrinsic value for all of its citizens by offering life changing and affirming experiences that distinguish our communities as unique places to live, work, raise families and start new businesses.**

**AND WHEREAS, the proposed excise tax if passed will provide much needed resources to preserve and expand Cuyahoga County's arts and culture assets.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, hereby proclaims October 18, 2006 as Arts and Culture Day in Cuyahoga County and supports Cuyahoga County's ballot resolution, Issue 18, a tobacco excise tax that if passed by the voters at the November 7, 2006 election will produce a dedicated public sector arts and culture funding source essential for sustaining and expanding the public good that comes from healthy and vibrant arts and culture assets and urges the citizens of Cuyahoga County to support this important issue.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Dennis Madden, County Administrator.**

**On Motion of Commissioner Hagan, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.**

**Ayes: Hagan, Jones, Dimora.**

**Nays: None.**

**Resolution Adopted.**

**Penelope M. Hughes,  
Clerk of the Board**

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