

RESOLUTION 071801

Supporting a State-funded Ohio Motion Picture Tax Incentive Program.

WHEREAS, based on the experience in other states, the passage of an Ohio Motion Picture Tax Incentive could over time increase Ohio's share of the film industry from tens of millions of new dollars to hundreds of millions of dollars yearly. The initiative would give those paying Ohio taxes income tax credits that would create investments pools for motion pictures shooting in Ohio.

WHEREAS, the program would allow the state of Ohio to be a leader in a rapidly growing industry/sector from which Ohioans would benefit.

WHEREAS, the motion picture industry produces family supporting, high wage trades jobs carrying pensions and benefits.

WHEREAS, other states --including Louisiana and Pennsylvania-- who have passed similar legislation have drawn billions of new dollars in economic investment from outside their states. The passage of a similar program in Ohio would provide the state a competitive advantage in obtaining additional movie production projects.

WHEREAS, the motion picture industry heavily supports local businesses from construction, supply companies to grocery, clothing and furniture stores and would provide significant economic impact to the region through hotel bed stays and dollars spent at local restaurants.

WHEREAS this Commission also urges Governor Strickland and Lt. Governor Lee Fisher, the Ohio Senate and the House of Representatives to support and pass a tax credit investment for movie productions that will ultimately create an economic impact to not only Cuyahoga County but the state of Ohio as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, supports such a tax investment credit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Paul Oyaski, Director, Department of Development; Governor Ted Strickland; Lt. Governor Lee Fisher and all members of the Ohio Senate and Ohio House of Representatives.

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

Ayes: Jones, Dimora, Hagan.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

Jeanne M. Schmotzer,
Clerk of the Board

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