

**RESOLUTION 2020 – 18**

**SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE MASON ARTS COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that the arts are an important component to the quality of life for Mason’s residents and business partners; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mason has a well-established history of successful joint public private projects most notably the Mason Community Center and the new Mason Aquatic Center; and

**WHEREAS**, both the City of Mason and the Mason Arts Council are committed to promoting the Mason Regional Center for the Arts as a hub of culture to educate, grow camaraderie and collaboration, increase tourism, connect resources, promote Downtown Mason and further enhance Mason’s economic base; and

**WHEREAS**, both the City of Mason and Mason Arts Council are dedicated to exploring a partnership that could include resource sharing, joint programming, co-branding and promotions, facility coordination, membership enhancements, infrastructure improvements, developments and maintenance to optimize community commitment and support and cost savings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mason Arts Council is committed to raising approximately \$30 million in private donations dedicated to the development of this centerpiece for arts within the region and has brought together a cross-section of residents and businesses committed to the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mason Arts Council’s mission to develop the Mason Regional Center for the Arts will drive Mason as a world class hub of culture, attracting regional and national talent creating a destination for the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, both the City and Mason Arts Council are committed to promoting mutual success, interests and cooperation to strengthen this initiative for the arts in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mason Arts Council’s vision for the development of an Arts Center in the community aligns with the City’s mission for building a culture of wellness; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, seven members elected thereto concurring:

- Section 1.** That the Council of the City of Mason is supportive of the development of the Mason Regional Center for the Arts.
- Section 2.** That the Council of the City of Mason encourages the private donation and sponsorship towards the \$30 million proposed Mason Regional Center for the Arts.
- Section 3.** That as a precursor to fundraising, Council of the City of Mason will commit to further the City’s support of this initiative through securing property and the collaboration of resources and efforts in the development of this partnership.
- Section 4.** That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 14th day of December, 2020.

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Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk of Council

