

**A RESOLUTION
OF SUPPORT BY THE VILLAGE OF ORANGE, OHIO FOR
THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY
CIGARETTE TAX FOR ARTS AND CULTURE.**

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County's arts and culture non-profit sector supports thousands of jobs and results in hundreds of millions of dollars of annual economic activity; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County's nonprofit arts and culture organizations support and enrich education programs for children throughout our county; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County's arts and culture strengthens our neighborhoods, attracts visitors to our region, and enhances our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County voters passed a small tax on cigarettes in 2006 and renewal of that tax in 2015 that provides dedicated, public funding to support non-profit arts and culture organizations and initiatives in Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, The proceeds from this cigarette tax have strengthened the vitality of our arts and culture ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, The proceeds from this cigarette tax have touched nearly every community in our county through the funding more than 485 arts, cultural, educational and community organizations at more than 2,300 locations; and

WHEREAS, The revenues from the tax have declined by 50% since its inception; and

WHEREAS, A replacement of this tax is needed and will be placed before Cuyahoga County voters in the November 2024 General Election; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County's ability to sustain and further develop its arts and culture sector will be placed at risk without the replacement of this cigarette tax as a dedicated funding source.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF ORANGE VILLAGE, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Village of Orange, Ohio hereby endorses the passage by voters in the November 2024 General Election of a replacement of Cuyahoga County's excise tax on tobacco products for the purpose of funding arts and culture.

SECTION 2. That the Village of Orange, Ohio asks the residents of Orange Village and the other residents of Cuyahoga County to join its members in supporting the passage of the expansion of Cuyahoga County's excise tax on tobacco products for the purpose of funding non-profit arts and culture organizations.

SECTION 3. That the Village of Orange, Ohio provides this Resolution, and the representations made herein to the public and to appropriate members of the news media.

SECTION 4. That the actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were held in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 105 of the Code of Ordinances of Orange Village.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: September 4, 2024



Council Presiding Officer

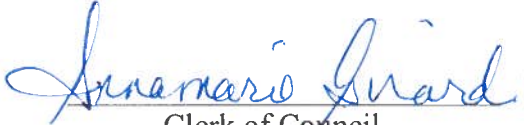
Submitted to the Mayor for

approval on this 4th day of September, 2024

Approved by the Mayor this

4th day of September, 2024

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council



Mayor