

Proclamation No. 16-1181 Honoring Peg Long for her service to the Denver Metropolitan Scientific and Cultural Facilities District

WHEREAS, Denver City Council wishes to recognize Peg Long who has provided exceptional guidance and vision as Executive Director of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) for nine years and is now retiring; and

WHEREAS, arts, culture and science opportunities provided by SCFD funded organizations spur economic growth in the region and improve quality of life for our communities located throughout the District which is comprised of the Counties of Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Douglas, and Jefferson, the City and County of Broomfield and the City and County of Denver; and

WHEREAS, under Peg's leadership SCFD was successfully renewed in November 2016 after a multiyear process which was the most inclusive in SCFD's history; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 and 2016 Peg worked with the SCFD bill sponsors and supporters to implement changes in the SCFD statute to ensure SCFD's continued purpose to provide access to arts and cultural opportunities to the citizens of the SCFD; and

WHEREAS, Peg has served the region on various boards and commissions and has participated in numerous community initiatives such as being a member of the Visit Denver Board of Directors and its Government and Community Affairs Committee, participation in the Denver Metro Chamber's 2013 Leadership Exchange trip to Pittsburgh, collaboration with the Colorado Business Committee for the Arts and the Scientific and Cultural Collaborative, supporting efforts to establish the City of Denver's Imagine 2020 Cultural Master Plan, and was a 2009 graduate of Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation's Leadership Denver; and

WHEREAS, during Peg's tenure, SCFD was honored with several awards including the Mizel Arts and Culture Center's 2016 Cultural Achievement Award, Colorado Children's Chorale's 2014 All the World's Our Stage Award, Cherry Creek Arts Festival's 2009 Distinguished Patron Award, Visit Denver's 2009 Tourism Star Award, and Theatre Communications Group's 2008 Regional Funder Award; and

WHEREAS, with an unwavering commitment to continue and build on SCFD's legacy of providing access to arts, cultural and scientific opportunities for all in the SCFD community, Peg has earned the respect and appreciation of the citizens of SCFD, cultural and scientific organizations, SCFD staff and board and public officials throughout the District.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Denver City Council hereby honors Peg Long for her distinguished service to the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District and the citizens of the District and wishes her well upon her retirement.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Peg Long.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL November 14, 2016