

**ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

RESOLUTION NO. 15-09-01: ENDORSEMENT OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY ARTS & CULTURE TAX RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County recognizes the therapeutic benefits that art in all forms has on the recovery process of clients living with mental illness and/or addictions; and,

WHEREAS, art is helpful in the recovery process by being a universal and interactive language that helps to express the artist's emotions, environment and beliefs while leaving the interpretation and reaction to the individual viewer; and,

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County's arts and culture sector supports and enriches educational programs for all children throughout our county; and,

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

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County voters passed a small tax - just a penny-and-a-half per cigarette - in 2006 that provides dedicated, public funding to support arts and culture organizations and initiatives in Cuyahoga County; and,

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

WHEREAS, this cigarette tax is scheduled to expire in January 2017, a renewal of this tax without an increase will appear on the November 3, 2015 ballot to extend this cigarette tax for 10 years so that Cuyahoga County may sustain and further develop its arts and culture sector.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The ADAMHS Board of Directors hereby strongly endorses and supports an extension of Cuyahoga County's excise tax on tobacco products for the purpose of funding arts and culture.

On the motion of Harvey A. Snider, Esq., seconded by Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., the foregoing resolution was adopted.

AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Caraballo, C. Handler, P. Jones, C. Rerko, R. Romaniuk, E. Saffran, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

DATE ADOPTED: September 30, 2015