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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA, SUPPORTING THE TULSA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER TRUST'S 10-YEAR MASTER PLAN; URGING PRIVATE SUPPORT FOR THE MASTER PLAN; AND ENCOURAGING CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE LOCAL PERFORMING ARTS AND DOWNTOWN ECONOMY.

WHEREAS, arts and culture play a critical role in the social and economic fabric of the City by providing jobs, generating government revenue, and serving as a cornerstone of Tulsa's tourism industry;

WHEREAS, the Tulsa Performing Arts Center (TPAC), built by the City of Tulsa in 1977 and operated by the Tulsa Performing Arts Center Trust (TPACT) since 2019, houses four theatres, a studio space, reception hall, and has played host to Broadway tours, nationally recognized artists, local talent, and city functions;

WHEREAS, currently TPAC has an annual economic impact of over \$60 million by hosting over 900 event days, 300,000 people, and providing over 400 jobs;

WHEREAS, since the opening in 1977, no major overhauls have taken place and thus the building has several outstanding and costly maintenance issues;

WHEREAS, to remedy these maintenance issues, in 2023 Tulsa voters overwhelmingly approved \$79.7 million in Improve Our Tulsa 3 (IOT3) funds to provide for important improvements such as HVAC modernization, backstage ADA accessibility, and Chapman Music Hall upgrades;

WHEREAS, while IOT3 funds support critical needs, they do not provide for enhanced patron amenities or expanded accessory space or theatre venues;

WHEREAS, the TPACT 10-Year Master Plan reimagines the TPAC experience for the next 50 years through an estimated \$46.6 million privately funded west-side buildout resulting in increased lobby sizes; capacity for a full-service restaurant, bar and coffee shop; educational and office space; and additional restroom facilities;

WHEREAS, the 10-Year Master Plan also envisions an east-side expansion with a 1400-seat theatre to meet the needs of local partners and increased opportunity for national headliners and tours to appear at the TPAC; and

WHEREAS, Master Plan renovations and expansions are estimated to result in more than \$180 million of economic impact through a combination of increased labor income, enhanced capital assets, and increased workforce and regional economic activity;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF TULSA THAT:

Section 1. The City supports TPACT’s 10-year Master Plan and companion efforts to achieve TPACT’s capital campaign goals so the Tulsa community can reimagine the local performing arts experience and shine on the national stage into the next half century.

Section 2. The City urges Tulsa residents, businesses, philanthropic partners, and the greater Tulsa community to support the private capital campaign efforts.

Section 3. The City encourages Tulsans and visitors to continue their support for the arts and the local economy by attending performances and enjoying the full experience of all downtown Tulsa has to offer while visiting the TPAC.

ADOPTED by the Council _____
Date

Chair of the Council

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Received by the Mayor: _____, at _____.
Date Time

By: _____
Secretary

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma: _____
Date

At _____.
Time

Mayor

(Seal)

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED:

City Attorney