

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-2.4**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR THE FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S DIVISION OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS.**

WHEREAS, support for the production, distribution, and infrastructure of the arts is critical to success in tourism, attracting business interests, economic development, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Martin County Arts Council is a critical component of the community with 526 arts related businesses based in Martin County employing 1,470 people; and

WHEREAS, matching grant funding goes directly to supporting the Arts Council and the Elliott Museum; and

WHEREAS, a positive impact of the creative sector of Florida's economy is a 7 to 1 return on investment to the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida receives over \$160 million in revenue from expenditures made by arts audiences and arts organizations; and

WHEREAS, State investment in the Florida Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs matching grants have gone from full funding in 2014-2015 to a 94 percent cut in 2018-2019; and

WHEREAS, in the 2018 Legislative Session, Martin County did not receive any state funding from cultural grants for any of the community's arts programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, URGE FULL FUNDING FOR THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S DIVISION OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2019.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA:

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CAROLYN TIMMANN, CLERK OF THE  
CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

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EDWARD V. CIAMPI, CHAIR

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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