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National Museum Services Board Recommends Continued Federal Support for Museums

The National Museum Services Board (NMSB), the policy making arm of the federal Institute of Museum Services, unanimously adopted a resolution in support of the President's proposal for reauthorization of the Institute of Museum Services, the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. The resolution was adopted on April 27 at the 46th meeting of the NMSB. The reauthorization proposal is currently being considered by Congress.

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that, The National Museum Services Board

RECOGNIZING that the Institute of Museum Services supports the Nation's museums in partnership with other Federal funding agencies, and

FURTHER RECOGNIZING that it is these agencies' combined support that aids institutions in their essential preservation of our patrimony and education of our diverse citizenry,

THEREFORE SUPPORTS the President's position regarding reauthorization of the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Institute of Museum Services.

The NSMB is chaired by Willard L. Boyd, Director of the Field Museum in Chicago. The fifteen NMSB members are Presidentially appointed and confirmed by the Senate, they are selected based on their commitment to the continued health and vitality of our nation's museums. A list of NMSB members is attached.

The Institute of Museum Services (IMS), an independent federal grant making agency, was established by an Act of Congress in 1976 to increase and improve museum services. The IMS is unique in that it provides general operating support to the full range of museums: zoos, botanical gardens, science and technology centers, arboretums, history and art museums, historic sites and children's museums.

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