

**METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**Resolution No. 16-27**

For the purpose of recognizing Teri Dresler's contributions to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC) as General Manager of Metro Visitor Venues.

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Dresler has served as the General Manager of Metro Visitor Venues since July 2010, providing leadership and guidance not only to the venues and staff but also to MERC; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Dresler has shown passionate dedication to the venues, working diligently to maintain their successful operation while producing notable achievements on projects important to the Commission including:

- Oversight of the move of the MERC offices to Metro, beginning a new era of leadership for the venues.
- Leading the venues to recovery from the great recession of 2008 and the achievement of improved revenues by providing sound financial advice.
- Bringing the Oregon Convention Center hotel project, a project that has been on the Commission's wish list since the early 1990's, finally close to completion with ground-breaking now just months away.
- Opening communications with the City of Portland in an effort to improve its involvement in assisting with the capital needs of Portland's Centers for the Arts.
- Supporting the revitalization of the Expo Center campus and leading a process toward long-term sustainable funding solutions for the venue; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Dresler has championed diversity efforts on behalf of the Commission, including responding to the need to revitalize the First Opportunity Target Area program by putting into motion a strategy for better defining the program and updating the area's boundaries and income thresholds and ensuring all communities were included in the Zoo expansion, community partnerships, MWESB outreach initiatives and the Metro Equity Strategy; and

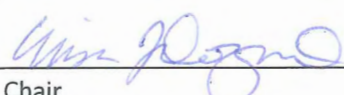
**WHEREAS**, Ms. Dresler managed the wide-ranging group of venues with a sense of humor and a charming laugh which put all at ease no matter the gravity of the situation; and


**WHEREAS**, Ms. Dresler built bridges between MERC and Metro with open communication and a commitment to transparency; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Dresler will be remembered for her reliable foresight and business acumen as well as her unfailing wisdom and dedication to public service;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the Commission offers its sincere gratitude to Teri Dresler for her service to MERC and the MERC venues.

Passed by the Commission on October 5, 2016.

  
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Chair

  
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