

**METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Resolution No. 04-19**

**For the Purpose of Recognizing the Contributions of Mark B. Williams to the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission as MERC General Manager.**

WHEREAS, from 1996 to 2004, Mark B. Williams has served as the MERC General Manager; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Mark B. Williams has been a consistent advocate for the publicly owned and operated arts, sports, convention and exhibition facilities of the Portland metropolitan region, and for the men and women who operate them; and

WHEREAS, during Mark's tenure, the award-winning Hall E was developed at Portland Expo Center, the first new building at that facility in nearly 30 years, which was completed in record time to accommodate *America's Smithsonian*, the first ever traveling exhibition of Smithsonian artifacts; and

WHEREAS, during Mark's tenure, the new 112,000 square foot Hall D at Expo Center was completed, bringing enhanced amenities to the entire Expo Center campus, including a commercial kitchen for expanded food service and new administrative offices; and

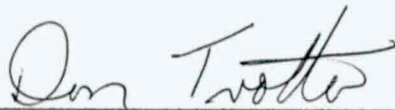
WHEREAS, during Mark's tenure, the \$116 million expansion and renovation of the Oregon Convention Center was completed on time and under budget, and it opened to a successful public celebration attended by 40,000 people; and

WHEREAS, during Mark's tenure, PCPA received a \$1.5 million donation from Robert B. Keller for the renovation of Keller Auditorium, formerly Civic Auditorium; and

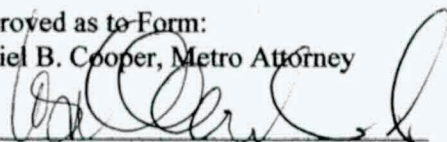
WHEREAS, Mark B. Williams has served the public in an exemplary fashion, putting in countless hours in service to the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission and the public facilities it endeavors to operate in the public trust.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the Commission extends its thanks to Mark B. Williams for his service as MERC General Manager to this Commission, the Commission's staff, and the public facilities entrusted to the Commission.

Passed by the Commission on September 22, 2004.

  
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Chair

Approved as to Form:  
Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney

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Secretary-Treasurer