

ASSOCIATION OF MIDWEST MUSEUMS RESOLUTION

Federal Formula Grant Funding For Museums

Whereas, at its June 18-19, 2007 meeting on Mackinac Island, Michigan, the Board of Directors of the **Association of Midwest Museums (AMM)** discussed the national initiative being administered by the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) concerning state-based federal formula grants to support museums, and

Whereas, the Board discussed the dire need for increased public funding for museums,

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the **Association of Midwest Museums** will join as a member of the Federal Formula Grant Coalition to provide leadership to seek legislation for state-based federal formula grant programs that support all museums in carrying out their public service role of connecting the whole of society to the cultural, artistic, historical, natural, and scientific understandings that constitute our heritage, and

Be It Further Resolved that being a member of the Federal Formula Grant Coalition means the **Association of Midwest Museums** will commit to the following:

- Assign one person to be an engaged member of the Coalition Committee.
- Respond immediately to draft materials circulated for comment.
- If appropriate, work with other service organizations in the state or region to negotiate proper placement of the federal grants within the appropriate state agency.
- Include the initiative in the association's strategic plan and goals.
- Publish regular newsletter updates.
- Distribute requests for assistance or urgent updates to our members.
- Include the initiative in any on-going lobbying and advocacy work performed.
- Make contacts with members of Congress.
- Make an organizational financial contribution to the effort.
- Ask our members to make a financial contribution to the effort.

Approved by unanimous vote of Board of Directors on this 19th day of June 2007.

Chairman of the Board of Directors

Karen A. Witter