

WHEREAS, The Kentucky Museum is a nexus of academic activity at the university and the material collections housed there comprise an irreplaceable record of human activity in our region, our nation, and around the globe; and

WHEREAS, The acquisition, preservation, research and interpretation of these objects and manuscripts play an important role in the educational mission of WKU; and

WHEREAS, The Association of Academic Museums and Galleries (AAMG) “would not be supportive” of accreditation of a university museum under the sole supervision of a development office; and

WHEREAS, The organizational directive of a body whose primary task is to generate income and grow the endowment may not be attuned to the pedagogical, research, and outreach mission of the Kentucky Museum; and

WHEREAS, Collaborations between the WKU Foundation and the Kentucky Museum are welcome and beneficial but the interests of the Kentucky Museum, its collections, and its educational mission are best served by remaining an integral part of academic operations; therefore, be it

RESOLVED THAT The preservation of the integrity of these holdings against potential future monetization efforts should be explicitly guaranteed in any 501(c)3 charter that seeks to separate such holdings from the property of WKU; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Academic Affairs, with its attendant opportunities for faculty oversight, should retain a role in the governance and reporting structure of the Kentucky Museum.