

Resolution N°. 4

July 29, 2019

Subject: *Resolution commending Congress for passing the Music Modernization Act*

Music Modernization Act Resolution

Whereas, For many years, The American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada (the “AFM”), alongside several other unions and arts organizations, has worked tirelessly and successfully to lobby for legislation that increases royalties from the use of recordings of AFM members’ music; and

Whereas, Many orchestras of the Regional Orchestra Players’ Association (“ROPA”) and their individual members would benefit from increased revenues for their recording work; and

Whereas, The Music Modernization Act, H.R. 5447, was introduced in April of 2018¹; and

Whereas, The Music Modernization Act provides protection for sound recordings fixed before February 15, 1972, creating a system for paying royalties to producers and sound engineers, and establishes a statutory blanket license for digital music services; and

Whereas, Such changes to copyright law provide more predictable and increased revenues for AFM members; and

Whereas, The Music Modernization Act was signed into law on October 11, 2018; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Regional Orchestra Players’ Association (“ROPA”) hereby applauds, commends, and recognizes the American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada (“AFM”) and its lobbying arm for its hard work in Washington, D.C. to support the Music Modernization Act; and be it further

Resolved, That ROPA congratulates and commends the United States Congress for passing this important legislation.

Submitted by: The ROPA Executive Board

¹ For information on the history of the bill, see <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/5447>.