

**Resolution N°. 6**

*July 29, 2019*

**Subject:** *Resolution expressing regret at the potential closure of the National Philharmonic*

National Philharmonic Resolution

Whereas, The National Philharmonic was established in 2003; and

Whereas, The National Philharmonic presents orchestral programs in The Music Center at Strathmore, bringing music to Montgomery County, Maryland and the Greater Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area; and

Whereas, The National Philharmonic employs professional musicians in Montgomery County, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and the Greater Metropolitan Area; and

Whereas, On July 16, 2019, the Washington Post reported that the National Philharmonic would close due to a lack of funding; and

Whereas, The news of the potential closing of the National Philharmonic is unexpected; and

Whereas, The closing of the National Philharmonic would take work from regional orchestra musicians; and

Whereas, the National Philharmonic has launched a fundraising campaign to save the orchestra, which seeks \$150,000 in funding by July 31, 2019; and

Whereas, The National Philharmonic is hopeful to receive this funding in order to continue operations; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Regional Orchestra Players' Association ("ROPA") hereby expresses its support for the National Philharmonic; and, be it further,

*Resolved*, that ROPA would be saddened by the loss of this artistic treasure in the Greater Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area.

**Submitted by:** The ROPA Executive Board