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**Joint Board Matter with Supervisor Foust
20th Anniversary of the Traveling Players**

Members of the Board,

The Traveling Players celebrates its 20th anniversary this year! The Traveling Players, founded by Jeanne E. Harrison on June 10, 2003, is an educational theatre company that brings unique theatre training to students. Their mission is to enhance self-expression, self-reliance, and problem-solving skills, and to heighten appreciation of challenges and beauty by bringing great theatre into the great outdoors. They foster this by providing an outstanding theatre experience for students which contributes to their maturity and cultivates a lifelong love of both theater and the outdoors.

Classes and camps offered by the Traveling Players provide a full continuum of actor training. The students create theatre in small ensembles, founded on the principles of inclusion, diversity, and equality which is reinforced by their robust financial aid program.

In 2020, the Traveling Players opened their studio in Tysons Corner Center in partnership with Macerich, offering family-friendly theater year-round. They perform plays for the community throughout the summer at the Tysons Corner Center Plaza. The National Endowment for the Arts selected Traveling Players as one of its 25 *"Summer Schools in*

the Arts" based on the Players' comprehensive and intensive curricula, recommending that other institutions follow their educational model.

Therefore, we move, without objection, that the Board present a proclamation to the Traveling Players at a Board meeting in June to recognize its 20th anniversary and to thank them for enriching the lives of our youth and providing meaningful opportunities for self-expression and growth.