

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Finance Committee

January 16, 2018

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT GIFT FROM THE JEAN Z. PIETY TRUST

WHEREAS, Jean Z. Piety faithfully served the public as a librarian at Cleveland Public Library for fifty years, beginning in 1957, when she was appointed to what was then the Science and Technology Division of the Main Library; and

WHEREAS, During her long tenure as a subject department head at Main Library, Ms. Piety distinguished herself as an expert in the field of science and technology librarianship, receiving numerous awards and recognition for her contributions to the profession; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Piety was a wonder and an inspiration to her fellow staff members for the way she balanced her demanding work life with an equally busy social life—a whirl of dancing, theater, and music—that she and her husband delighted in with an energy that put her younger colleagues to shame; and

WHEREAS, On December 27, 2017, the Cleveland Public Library received notice from Schneider Smeltz Spieth Bell LLP law firm including a check in the amount of \$100,000 from the Jean Z. Piety Trust, representing a significant partial distribution of assets to the Cleveland Public Library; and

WHEREAS, There is no restriction on the use of the distribution received by the Cleveland Public Library; and

WHEREAS, On March 13, 2012, this Board adopted a Resolution that directs the Fiscal Officer to present unrestricted donations of more than \$25,000 or more to the Board of Trustees for further direction in depositing the funds; and

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WHEREAS, The Library Administration requests that the gift be expended for purposes of developing and expanding a MakerSpace on the first floor of LSW, which is in line with Ms. Piety dedicating her career to Science and Technology. The Fiscal Officer, therefore, recommends that this distribution be placed into the Founders Fund; now therefore be it

RESOLVED That the Cleveland Public Library Board of Trustees, pursuant to the authority set forth in R.C. §3375.40(K), hereby accepts a gift from the Jean Z. Piety Trust in the amount of at least \$100,000 for deposit into the Founders Fund Account No. 203046-46100-11962 to be used for expenditures in connection with the development and expansion of a MakerSpace on the first floor of LSW; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Executive Director, CEO, or his designee, is authorized to enter into and execute any documents, agreements and instruments as may be necessary or appropriate to receive and expend the gift, including those in excess of \$25,000.00, to effectuate the terms and conditions of the Gift and this Resolution, which agreements and instruments shall be subject to the approval of the Library's Chief Legal Officer; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library expresses its heartfelt gratitude for this generous gift, and that a copy of this resolution be shared with library staff so those who knew this remarkable woman may pause to remember her, and those who never had the pleasure of knowing her may honor her legacy.