

## **Resolution to Establish The Erich Kunzel Pops Legacy Fund**

**Whereas**, Erich Kunzel joined the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra in 1965 as an Associate Conductor, founded the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra in 1977, built the Cincinnati Pops into one of the most recognizable Pops orchestras in the world bringing national and international acclaim to the orchestra and to the Greater Cincinnati community And,

**Whereas**, Maestro Kunzel devoted more than four decades of service to the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra expanding the artistic horizons of the Pops genre in recording, touring, television broadcasting and bringing to Pops audiences such legendary artists as Rosemary Clooney, Cab Calloway, Duke Ellington, Mel Tormé and Ella Fitzgerald to name a few helping to establish the genre itself And,

**Whereas**, Maestro Kunzel was always at the forefront of the industry in all aspects and was a recognized leader across the country and around the world receiving numerous awards in recording and broadcasting culminating in his receipt of the National Medal of Art in 2006—the highest honor bestowed to an artist in the United States of America and in the *Chicago Tribune* declaring him ‘The Prince of Pops’ And,

**Whereas**, the Board of Directors of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra wish to honor Maestro Kunzel as a tribute to his significant impact on the world of symphonic music, the community of Cincinnati and the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra And,

**Whereas**, the Board of Directors of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra also wish to ensure that Maestro Kunzel’s visionary thinking continue for decades to come impacting the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra for future generations so that they might experience and enjoy the wonder of a glorious Pops concert in the Erich Kunzel fashion And,

**Whereas**, many of Maestro Kunzel’s projects can be developed over time to be enjoyed by his fans for years to come as a tribute to his tremendous legacy.

**Therefore**, the Board of Directors of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra resolves that from this day forward a fund shall be established named “**The Erich Kunzel Pops Legacy Fund**” in order to carry out artistic and programming initiatives as well as legacy tributes to perpetuate the impact of Maestro Kunzel and ensure that future generations will experience the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra.

**Adopted on the first day of September 2009**

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**J. Marvin Quin, Chairman**

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**Anatolio B. Cruz, III, Secretary**