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**CITY OF TEMPE  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Council Meeting Date: 08/04/2016  
Agenda Item: 5C2**

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**ACTION:** Adopt a resolution to acknowledge the City of Tempe's support of the Tempe History Museum as part of the American Alliance of Museums' accreditation process. (Resolution No. R2016.74)

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No fiscal impact.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the resolution.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Tempe History Museum is seeking national accreditation through the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) and has prepared an application for this purpose. As part of the process, AAM requires a statement of support from the parent organization of the museum to complete the application.

Accreditation is the museum field's mark of distinction and offers a peer-based validation of the museum's operations and impact. Obtaining accreditation attests that the museum adheres to the core standards of excellence in the field as it pertains to public trust and accountability; mission and planning; leadership and organizational structure; collections stewardship; education and interpretation; financial stability; and facilities and risk management issues. Once achieved, maintaining accreditation is an assurance that the museum continues to operate according to national standards and best practices to the best of its abilities and in accordance with its resources.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Resolution, AAM Characteristics of Excellence

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