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2 **Resolution Relating to**
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RESOLUTION
Sponsor(s): Full City Council

Introduced: 01/24/11
Referred to: _____

Action: _____
Date: _____
Signed by Mayor: _____

7 ACCEPTING OWNERSHIP AND RECOGNIZING
8 THE INSTALLATION OF HISTORIC BURLINGTON CURTAIN
9 IN CONTOIS AUDITORIUM
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12 **CITY OF BURLINGTON**
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14 In the year Two Thousand Eleven.....
15 Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:
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17 That WHEREAS, the Vermont Painted Theater Curtain conservation project began in 1998 with
18 a survey to find and assess the condition of Vermont’s collection of historic painted scenery; and

19 WHEREAS, through the efforts of Curtains Without Borders, Burlington resident
20 Christine Hadsel, and Paul Bruhn of Preservation Vermont, identified the existence of an historic
21 advertising curtain featuring businesses on Church Street; and

22 WHEREAS, the Burlington curtain was bought at auction in Maine by Curtains Without
23 Borders in the summer of 2010 and has been conserved by Curtains Without Borders and installed
24 by Show Works (Barre, Vermont) and is one of 185 historic Vermont theater curtains that have
25 been identified and stabilized through a statewide conservation project; and

26 WHEREAS, this curtain, painted between 1930 and 1935 by Granite State Studios in
27 Plymouth, New Hampshire, is a classic example of an advertising street scene highlighting
28 Burlington and area businesses at the time; and

29 WHEREAS, the curtain is a notable artifact as well as a reflection of Burlington’s history;
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31 WHEREAS, it is not known precisely where the curtain used to hang in Burlington but the
32 height is an exact fit for the Contois Auditorium stage; and
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40 WHEREAS, the curtain has now been installed in Contois Auditorium for appropriate use
41 and public display; and

42 WHEREAS, Curtains Without Borders now wishes to give the curtain to the City;

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the Mayor to
44 accept the gift of the curtain from Curtains Without Borders and have the City take ownership of
45 this historic theater curtain; and

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor express their great
47 appreciation for all the hard work and commitment to conserve and return part of Burlington's
48 history to City Hall.

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