§ 22.03. Legislative findings and statement of purposes. 1. The legislature hereby finds, determines and declares:

(a) that certain major cultural institutions located in the county are invaluable cultural, educational and recreational resources of the state and the continued operation of such institutions in the county is for the benefit of the people of the state and the county;

(b) that by reason of the severe economic and fiscal problems facing both the state and county, neither the state nor the county is able adequately to support the cultural institutions of the county in their efforts both to provide cultural, recreational and educational opportunities to the people of the state and to improve the viability and growth of cultural organizations in the county; and

(c) that it is in the interest of the people of the state and for their benefit and welfare to encourage the creative and innovative use of public and private resources in order to preserve and protect the cultural resources of the county and otherwise to effectuate the purposes of this article and article twenty of this chapter by the creation of the trust for cultural resources of the county of Onondaga.

2. The legislature hereby further finds, determines and declares that the creation of the trust for cultural resources of the county of Onondaga and the delegation to the trust of part of the sovereign power of the state are in all respects for the benefit of the people of the state and constitute a governmental, state, municipal and public purpose; and that the exercise by the trust of the functions and powers granted to it under this article constitutes the performance of an essential public and governmental function.