



Resolution 01-09:

Whereas, the Northeast Ohio region as a whole trails much of the nation in economic development and new job creation; and

Whereas, the communities within the Northeast Ohio region currently must compete with one another for new jobs in a “go-it-alone, winner-take-all” environment; and

Whereas, there is a clear and distinct need for community officials and leaders throughout the region to pursue a “change in thinking” and to pursue a regional model for stimulating economic development; and

Whereas, there are clear established models and examples that exist across the nation where regions have combined to join forces in pursuit of economic development and new job creation; and

Whereas, leaders across the Northeast Ohio region have researched and identified the benefits of a region-wide planning and new growth revenue sharing initiative under the Regional Prosperity Initiative (RPI); and

Whereas, the Northeast Ohio Mayors & City Managers Association (NEOM&CMA) has overwhelmingly endorsed the research phase of the RPI, and voted to move forward with the implementation steps recommended in the Regional Economic Revenue Study (RERS) findings; and

Whereas, the Northeast Ohio City Council Association (NOCCA) supports the concept for the development of a framework for region-wide collaborative land use and economic development planning, with new growth revenue sharing, now, therefore,



BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTHEAST OHIO CITY COUNCIL ASSOCIATION (NOCCA):

Section 1: Hereby endorse and support the RPI concept in its effort to create a region-wide planning and new growth revenue sharing model for Northeast Ohio.

Section 2: NOCCA does hereby commit to support the effort of the RPI leadership in developing a comprehensive, collaborative, sustainable, non-partisan Northeast Ohio regional economic development program, with state and local resources, in order to promote economic development and new job growth in the region.

Section 3: NOCCA will come together with the other organizations in the region and the Regional Prosperity Initiative to support the development of a framework for a regional planning process that addresses the following goals:

- Advance the region's economic competitiveness
- Enhance the economic stability of all jurisdictions in the region
- Increase the efficiency of delivery of services by collaborating across municipal borders
- Minimize the cost of infrastructure and energy consumption
- Minimize the loss of farmland, open space and natural resources
- Minimize environmental degradation
- Establish a regional database for land use planning and for monitoring development patterns, land use change and tax base change

Section 4: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its passage on May 14, 2009.