



RESOLUTION 01-11

Whereas, within Cuyahoga County there are approximately 56 separate and distinct municipalities, plus numerous other forms of political subdivisions each of which are struggling to provide services to their constituents within their prescribed budget during this time of economic downturn; and

Whereas, within Cuyahoga County there are many separate Councils of Governments each of which are separate and distinct and operate under their own separate budgets; and

Whereas, the State Senate is currently studying proposed SB 125 which seeks to grant authority to all political subdivisions to contract with other political subdivisions to share or provide services, to authorize Councils of Government to procure goods and services pursuant to existing State bidding practices for which there was no prior authority, and to specify application of sovereign immunity to providers of those services; and

Whereas, presently there is a clear and distinct need for community officials and leaders throughout this region to pursue programs or contracts with neighboring communities to share resources; and

Whereas, the new Cuyahoga County Executive has endorsed regional cooperation and to fulfill that promise has established and filled a position in County government for that purpose; and

Whereas, the Northeast Ohio City Council Association (NOCCA) supports the concepts established in proposed SB 125 to foster more regional participation and sharing of valuable services and resources, now, therefore,

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

Section 1: that NOCCA hereby endorses and supports the adoption of SB 125 which will provide authority to all political subdivisions in Ohio to contract with another political subdivision to provide or share services, provide for sovereign immunity to those political subdivisions that do provide such services outside their political boundaries and to authorize Councils of Government to utilize existing bidding procedures for the purchase of goods and/or services for their purposes.

Section 2: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its passage on May 19, 2011.