

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-001
(APPRECIATION TO BOARD PRESIDENT McCALL)**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina, and the areawide water quality management planning agency for the same region; and

WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall, Chief of Government and International Affairs for the City of Cleveland, serves as the City of Cleveland's primary liaison to the state government, where she is the registered lobbyist for the city; and

WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall is also responsible for monitoring Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson's appointments to internal and external boards and commissions, and for managing all of the City of Cleveland's international programs, including International Sister City Agreements; and

WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall is Mayor Jackson's primary representative to several national organizations, including the United States Conference of Mayors, National Conference of Black Mayors, National League of Cities and the National Black Caucus of Local and Elected Officials; and

WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall previously served as clerk of council for the City of Cleveland, a position in which she streamlined the processing of legislation and reorganized the daily operations of Cleveland City Council to maximize office efficiency, and as Director of the Cleveland Empowerment Zone, where she was responsible for a \$200 million budget, supervised the distribution of funds for job training and placement programs, and directed lending programs that assisted businesses in four targeted neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall is a resident of Cleveland and has completed many phases of her schooling within the Cleveland area, holding a master's degree in public administration, a bachelor's degree in social work and an honorary doctorate of public service from Cleveland State University; and

WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall also serves on the Boards of Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA), and American Public Transportation Association (APTA); and

WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall is a member in good standing of the Board of Directors of NOACA, having served on NOACA's Board of Directors as the alternate for Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson from 2006 to 2012 and as the NOACA Board member in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall was elected as NOACA's President of the Board of Directors for 2013, with the distinction of being the first African-American female president in the history of the NOACA Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall led the agency in the initiation of a regional strategic planning effort for the agency beginning with a Board retreat in February 2013 and multiple

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Board meeting discussions resulting in the development of a Vision Statement for NOACA that will serve as the basis for the development of a regional strategic plan for the agency; and

WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall led the Board in updating the Code of Regulations to ensure that NOACA provides the best forum for achieving its mission by revising committee structure and membership to broaden the participation of Board members in NOACA's work; and

WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall initiated a useful and practical orientation for new Board members to emphasize their role in the important work of the agency; and

WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall understands regionalism and brings unbounded energy to help NOACA implement transportation and environmental plans and projects that can improve the quality of life in northeast Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, consisting of 45 principal officials serving general purpose local governments throughout and within the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina that a vote of thanks and continued success be conveyed to Valarie J. McCall for her service to NOACA, the City of Cleveland and northeast Ohio, together with best wishes for a prosperous and productive future.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency adopted this 10th day of January 2014.

Secretary: 

Date Signed: 10 JAN 14