## 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 agency for the same region; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's four busiest train stations, Toledo, Sandusky, Elyria and Cleveland along Amtrak's Northern Ohio Corridor, have ridership growing faster than others in or near Ohio; and

WHEREAS, funding may be available from a High Speed & Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) grant administered by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), or TIGER Discretionary Grant to fund improvements at these four stations; and

WHEREAS, a joint (or aggregated) application for a Corridor Project will likely be needed to be eligible for these funds; and

WHEREAS, this could be accomplished through mutual agreement among TMACOG, ERPC and NOACA with the intention of working cooperatively to acquire funding, develop plans and construct the station improvements; and

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:

Section 1. The Executive Director is authorized to participate in the Alliance, created by the Memorandum of Understanding, for a period of twelve months from the date of execution, and may be extended for an additional one year term.

Section 2. The Executive Director is authorized to transmit certified copies of this resolution to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies

> Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Governing Board of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency adopted this 11th day of April 2014.

Secretary:

Date Signed: 11 APR 14