

**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, Robert (Bob) N. Brown earned his bachelor's degree in urban and regional studies at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and a Master of Science degree in urban planning at Columbia University in New York; and

WHEREAS, Bob Brown began his distinguished career as a planner in Haverford Township, Pa., before joining the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission as a managing planner, a post he held for nine years; and

WHEREAS, Bob Brown has ably served the City of Cleveland first as an in-house consultant from 1985 to 1989, where he led a team of planners and consultants in the preparation of the city's award-winning Civic Vision 2000, the first major city plan since 1949 (updated as Connecting Cleveland 2020); as Assistant Planning Director from 1989 to 2005; and as Director of the Cleveland Planning Commission since 2005; and

WHEREAS, Bob Brown led enhancements to the city's process of reviewing designs for development projects and has overseen the city's involvement in transportation projects, including the Euclid Avenue bus rapid transit HealthLine and the planned reconstruction of the Innerbelt; and

WHEREAS, Bob Brown led the city's involvement in the widely praised "Reimagining a More Sustainable Cleveland," which called for strengthening the city's existing commercial centers and corridors while finding new ways to use vacant land for agriculture, parks and stormwater management; and

WHEREAS, Bob Brown has served under four Cleveland mayors: George Voinovich, Michael White, Jane Campbell and Frank G. Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Bob Brown served as NOACA's Governing Board President in 2007 and was an active member of NOACA's Board, Transportation Advisory Committee, Planning and Programming Committee, Transportation Subcommittee and Policy Committee for many years; and

WHEREAS, Bob Brown serves on the Board of Trustees for University Circle Inc., and represents Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson on the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the American Planning Association has elected Bob Brown to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners, one of the highest honors awarded by the institute, the professional arm of the American Planning Association, the leading nonprofit organization that advocates excellence in city planning; and

WHEREAS, Bob Brown has been tireless in his pursuit of improving communities' quality of life throughout his career,

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 Bob Brown for his service and dedication to NOACA and to the

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(APPRECIATION TO ROBERT N. BROWN)**

development of his community, county, and state, together with best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

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

Secretary: 

Date Signed: 11 JUL 14