



**NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** NOACA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director  
**DATE:** January 16, 2015  
**RE:** **Resolution 2015-001: Appreciation to Board President Mary E. Samide**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

The Board of Directors is asked to approve **Resolution 2015-001**, which thanks and recognizes outgoing Board President Mary E. Samide for her dedicated service to NOACA.

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

Mary Samide has served NOACA steadfastly as a Board member for 10 years, including two years as Board President (in 2008 and 2014).

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact to this action.

**CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Following Board adoption, Mary Samide will receive a framed copy of the resolution.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-001  
(APPRECIATION TO BOARD PRESIDENT MARY E. SAMIDE)**

**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**, Mary Samide has served as Munson Township Trustee for nine years, as a Geauga County Commissioner for 10 years (from 2004 through 2014), and as a board member of numerous organizations, including water-quality organizations such as the Chagrin Valley Watershed Partners, of which she was a member for 18 years and held the office of vice president; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Samide's record of fiscal prudence and careful stewardship has helped to preserve Geauga County's rural atmosphere and its water and other natural resources;

**WHEREAS**, Mary Samide has served on NOACA's Board for 10 years, holding the office of Board President in 2008 and 2014, visiting every Board member throughout the region in 2008, an unprecedented feat; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Samide has also served on NOACA's Executive Committee, Transportation Advisory Committee, and Air and Water Quality Committees; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Samide has been instrumental in propelling NOACA's regional strategic planning process forward, so that NOACA is poised actively to pursue its vision, goals and objectives; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Samide founded a consulting business in 1985, Samide Organizational Systems Incorporated, or S.O.S., the universal "call for help," which specializes in systems analysis, programming, network support and computer system installation; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Samide's computer experience and skills were instrumental in assessing the needs of Geauga County's computer system, which resulted in major changes, essentially allowing the commissioners to reconstruct the way the county technology operates; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Samide graduated summa cum laude from Kent State University (KSU), where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in General Studies with a concentration in Computer Technology; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Samide has taught computer technology at KSU and has conducted seminars in computer technology at Cleveland State University; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Samide is an excellent role model for being inclusive and collaborative, for seeking to become familiar with and understand the unique issues and opportunities of each jurisdiction, and for searching for common ground to advance northeast

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Ohio as a region, with the result that she received NOACA's 11th annual Walter F. Ehrnfelt, Jr. Award for Outstanding Regional Contribution.

**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 Mary E. Samide for her service to NOACA, Geauga County 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 23rd day of January 2015.

Secretary: Ted Kolo

Date Signed: 1-23-15