

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE LAPORTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND AWARDING OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT STATUS BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) requires a CEDS as a prerequisite for designation as an Economic Development District (EDD), and

WHEREAS, EDA requires submittal of a CEDS to qualify for assistance under its Public Works, Economic Adjustment, and Planning Programs, and awarding of grants to eligible communities, and

WHEREAS, district status would make communities in LaPorte County that do not meet the distressed community requirements eligible for EDA funds, and

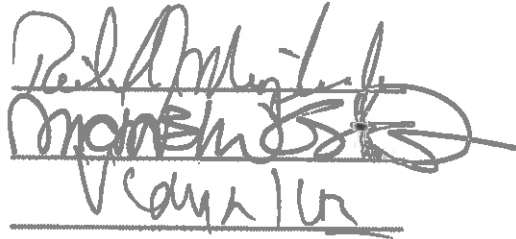
WHEREAS, the Northwest Indiana Economic District (NWIEDD) Organization for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, is the recognized not for profit regional economic development organization responsible for updating and applying the programs set forth in the CEDS, and

WHEREAS, this body has previously supported the establish of an independent Economic Development District made up of elected officials, private industry and economic development interests broadly representative of the Northwestern Indiana region, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LaPorte County Commissioners:

1. Support the establishment of an independent Economic Development District and endorse the request to the Economic Development Administration.
2. Support the economic district and its board because that body and its members have and continue to work in cooperation with the LaPorte County Government and its officials.

Approved this 5th day of April, 2017


Paul A. Mendicino
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Chief Deputy