

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-2

**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, under IC 36-7-7.6-12 one of the stated purposes of the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission is to institute and maintain a comprehensive planning and programming process for economic development policy and provide a coordinative management process for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties is the recognized regional organization responsible for updating and applying the programs set forth in the CEDS; and

WHEREAS, this body has previously supported the establish of an Economic Development District broadly representative of the principal economic interests of the Northwestern Indiana region,

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

1. Support the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission as the designated Economic Development District of Northwest Indiana and
2. Support and endorse the request to the Economic Development Administration.

Approved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018

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