

RESOLUTION No. 2010-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE LA PORTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
AND ENDORSING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

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

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) is the duly appointed Metropolitan Planning Organization for Lake, Porter and La Porte Counties and the Northwest Indiana Forum (the "Forum") is the recognized private sector regional economic development organization serving Lake, Porter and La Porte Counties, and

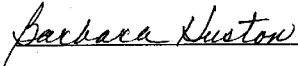
WHEREAS, NIRPC and the Forum support the establishment of an independent Economic Development District made up of elected officials, private industry, workforce development agencies, university presidents/chancellors, utilities, and economic development interests broadly representative of the northwestern Indiana region, and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Indiana District Board is acting in cooperation with La Porte County Government and its officials;

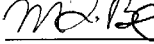
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that NIRPC and the FORUM Managing Board of Directors:

1. Support the establishment of an independent Economic Development District and endorse the development of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for submittal to the Economic Development Administration.
2. Support the economic district and its board because the body and its members have and continue to work in cooperation with the La Porte County Government and its officials.

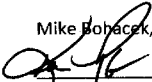
Approved this 6 day of July, 2010.



Barb Huston, President



Mike Bobacek, Vice President



Ken Layton, Member