

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AND PLEDGE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT
FOR A REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION WITHIN
NORTH CENTRAL INDIANA**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners previously approved the 2012 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), a five (5) year economic development strategy for the region of North Central Indiana, identified as the counties of Cass, Clinton, Fulton, Howard, Miami, and Tipton; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners now believe that a Regional Planning Organization (RPO) is necessary to implement and maintain the CEDS and provide other collaborative and necessary regional initiatives for economic growth; and

WHEREAS, said RPO would be made up of elected officials or their appointees as well as representatives from private industry, workforce development, education, and other economic and community development interests as specified in the RPO's by-laws; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Indiana RPO would be acting in cooperation with County officials;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners;

1. Support and encourage the establishment of a RPO to enhance and support economic and community development initiatives throughout the region of North Central Indiana; and
2. Pledge financial support to the RPO from its County Economic Development Income Tax (CEDIT) revenues in an amount to be negotiated on an annual basis with the Commissioners. The Commissioners reserve the right to withdrawal its financial support given twelve (12) months written notification to the Executive Director of the RPO.

Approved this 19 day of February 2013.

President, Board of Commissioners