

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 ~ / 8

A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING A REGION FOR THE CREATION OF A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (RDP) AND PARTICIPATION IN THE INDIANA REGIONAL ECONOMIC ACCELERATION AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (READI)

WHEREAS, the state of Indiana, through its Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) launched the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI); and

WHEREAS, House Enrolled Act No. 1001, of the 2021 Session of the Indiana General Assembly provided \$500 million in state appropriations to promote strategic investments that will make Indiana a magnet for talent and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the READI program guidelines call for Indiana communities (counties, cities and towns) to identify their regions, coordinating organization and notify the IEDC by July 1, 2021 of their intent to seek implementation funding up to \$50 million for each region; and

WHEREAS, the IEDC may make available up to \$50,000 for a planning grant to assist in the creation of a Regional Development Plan (RDP) for submission to the IEDC by August 31, 2021; and

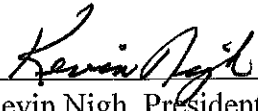
WHEREAS, both the planning and implementation phases of READI require matching funds from the private sector and local community; and


WHEREAS, the READI program encourages regional partners to develop a single regional development plan that demonstrates a clear pathway for regional collaboration; and

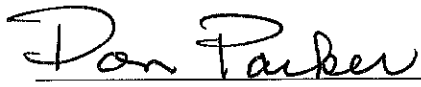
WHEREAS, support from local government elected officials of the I-74 Innovation Corridor is important in the creation of the RDP and critical for its subsequent execution:

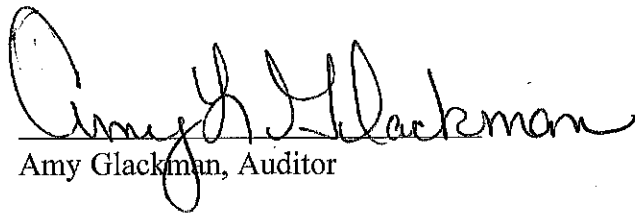
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the undersigned Commissioners determine that Shelby County shall join the I-74 Innovation Corridor, READI Regional effort as described herein.

ADOPTED This 28th day of June, 2021 by a vote of Ayes 3 Nays 0


Kevin Nigh, President


Chris Ross, Vice President


Don Parker, Member


Amy Glackman, Auditor