

GREATER VALPARAISO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PORTER COUNTY
MEMBERSHIP IN THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Whereas, in 2005, the Indiana General Assembly, by two-to-one bipartisan majorities, created the Regional Development Authority ("RDA") with the support of the Northwest Indiana legislative delegation and Governor Daniels.

Whereas, throughout its existence, the RDA's members have included Porter County, Lake County, the City of Hammond, the City of East Chicago, and the City of Gary.

Whereas, among the RDA's values are its efforts to set high goals and a bold and intrepid vision in order to stimulate a significant economic rebirth in Northwest Indiana and to collaborate with state and federal agencies and individuals to help assure that development attends to the needs of our environment and social equity.

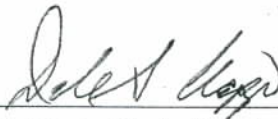
Whereas, through its help to fund capital projects already constructed or underway, the RDA has demonstrated that major projects having regional impacts require regional funding and solutions.

Whereas, the RDA has helped fund more than \$70 million in capital projects in Northwest Indiana, resulting in a level of investment nearly double that prior to the RDA's existence.

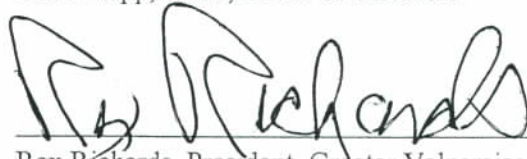
Whereas, nearly half of that investment has occurred in Porter County, and Porter County can continue to expect returns on its investment through continued membership in the RDA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce supports and encourages Porter County's current and continued membership in the Regional Development Authority.

All of which action is taken on this 17th day of March, 2009.



Dale Clapp, Chair, Board of Directors



Rex Richards, President, Greater Valparaiso
Chamber of Commerce