RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS REGION COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS)

WHEREAS, the County Board previously approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) for assistance with developing a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for McHenry County in conjunction with the Economic Development District of Northern Illinois (EDDNI) and Boone and Winnebago Counties; and

WHEREAS, the technical group comprised of staff and researchers from CMAP, EDDNI, and Northern Illinois University developed the CEDS; and

WHEREAS, McHenry County government officials, staff and representatives of the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation, business, and industry participated in the collaborative planning process with representatives from the Rockford Region Economic Development District and Boone and Winnebago Counties; and

WHEREAS, The draft CEDS was available for public review and comment from December 1, 2015, through January 8, 2016, during which time each participating County conducted an open house to provide information and accept public comments on the CEDS; and

WHEREAS, an additional open house was conducted at the Rockford Regional Center for Planning and Design; and

WHEREAS, The CEDS was modified based on the public comments received; and

WHEREAS, the CEDS is designed to bring together the public and private sectors in the creation of an "economic road map" to diversify and strengthen regional economies; encourages economic development opportunities; and allows entities within the County to apply for grants and assistance from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA); and

WHEREAS, adoption of the CEDS by the County Board will allow the CEDS to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) which will allow the region to receive grants and assistance from the EDA for projects that support economic development.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois that it hereby adopts the Northeastern Illinois Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Administrator, the Deputy County Administrator, the President of the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation, and the Director of Planning and Development.

DATED at Woodstock, Illinois, this 2nd day of February, A.D., 2016.

Joseph Gottemoller, Chairman

McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

Mary E. McClellan, County Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

• CEDS 01-12-2016 (PDF)