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RESOLUTION NO. 2019-115

A Resolution approving and authorizing the County Executive to execute a New and Restated Cooperative Agreement for the Northeast Ohio Joint Office of Economic Development, for a term of April 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, and renewing automatically thereafter, for the Executive's Department of Community and Economic Development, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Counties of Richland, Stark and Summit (the "JOED Counties") are parties to a certain Cooperative Agreement, as the same has been amended from time to time, ("Cooperative Agreement") pursuant to Section 307.07 of the Revised Code, setting forth the creation and operation of a joint office of economic development known as the Northeast Ohio Joint Office of Economic Development (the "JOED"), whose purpose, through cooperative and coordinated programs and activities is (i) to develop and promote plans and programs designed to assure that the resources of the JOED Counties are efficiently used, that economic growth is properly balanced and that economic development in each of the JOED Counties is coordinated with that of the state and other local governments; (ii) to create economic opportunities for the residents of the JOED Counties by assisting in the establishment or expansion within such counties of industrial, commercial, research and educational facilities; and (iii) to create and preserve jobs and employment opportunities for the residents of the JOED Counties; and

WHEREAS, the JOED is also the grantee of authority by the Foreign Trade Zone Board of the United States Department of Commerce for Foreign-Trade Zone No. 181 (the "FTZ"), and the operation of such is the primary manner in which the JOED accomplishes its purposes; and

WHEREAS, the JOED previously had entered into a Purchase of Services Agreement ("Services Agreement") with the Northeast Ohio Trade and Economic Consortium ("NEOTEC") for the provision of certain services by NEOTEC for the JOED, in particular the administration of the grant of authority of the FTZ for the JOED; and

WHEREAS, NEOTEC has notified the JOED of its intent to wind-down its affairs and dissolve; and

WHEREAS, the JOED Counties desire to continue to operate the JOED and desire for the JOED to continue as the grantee of authority for the FTZ; and

WHEREAS, the JOED Counties desire to enter into a services agreement with the County of Summit whereby the County of Summit will administer the grant of authority of the FTZ on behalf of the JOED; and

WHEREAS, the JOED Counties desire to enter into a New and Restated Cooperative Agreement among the JOED Counties, superseding the Cooperative Agreement, in order to more efficiently and effectively accomplish the purposes of the JOED, to eliminate references to NEOTEC and any services provided by NEOTEC or payments to be made to NEOTEC, and to provide for a services agreement with the County of Summit, for operating and carrying on the purpose of the JOED, in particular administering the grant of authority of the FTZ issued to the JOED; and

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WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to approve and authorize the County Executive to execute a New and Restated Cooperative Agreement for the Northeast Ohio Joint Office of Economic Development, for a term of April 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, and renewing automatically thereafter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:

## SECTION 1

The County Executive is hereby authorized to execute a New and Restated Cooperative Agreement of the Northeast Ohio Joint Office of Economic Development for a term of April 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, and renewing automatically thereafter, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

## SECTION 2

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately approve and authorize the execution of the New and Restated Cooperative Agreement so that the grant of authority of the FTZ may continually be administered without undue delay or interruption.

## **SECTION 3**

Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

## **SECTION 4**

It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

INTRODUCED March 18, 2019	*
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