NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors
FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director
DATE: January 20, 2017
RE: Resolution 2017-002: Appreciation to Deborah L. Sutherland

ACTION REQUESTED
The Board of Directors is asked to approve Resolution 2017-002, which thanks and recognizes former Board member Deborah (Debbie) L. Sutherland for her dedicated service to NOACA.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION
Debbie Sutherland has served NOACA steadfastly for 12 years, most notably as an assistant secretary and most recently as chair of the External Affairs Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
There is no financial impact to this action.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS
Following Board adoption, Debbie Sutherland will receive a framed copy of the resolution.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2017-002
(APPRECIATION TO
DEBORAH SUTHERLAND)

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina, and the City of Cleveland; and the areawide water quality management agency for the same region; and

WHEREAS, Deborah (Debbie) L. Sutherland has served as Mayor of the City of Bay Village since October 2000 and is the longest serving mayor in the City’s history; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Sutherland previously served four and a half years as the City Council representative for Ward 2; and

WHEREAS, much has been accomplished under her tenure in the City of Bay Village, including a new family aquatic center, new police station, a joint Bay School/City Community gym, a jointly owned Avon Lake/Bay Park, and the first new commercial development in 30 years; and

WHEREAS, she served as president of the Cuyahoga County Mayors and Managers Association in 2006 and 2007, and in that position advocated for regional cooperation and served on many task forces to improve Northeast Ohio, including those dealing with economic development and alternative energy; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Sutherland was appointed by the Speaker of the Ohio House to the Great Lakes Compact Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, her efforts were recognized by Crain’s Cleveland Business, which named her one of 2007’s “Women of Note” and one of the 2007 “Power Pack 50” (the 50 most influential people in Northeast Ohio); by Inside Business, which included her in its “100 Most Influential People” in 2008; by Cleveland Magazine, which recognized her as one of 50 “Influentials” changing life in NEO; and by other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Sutherland served NOACA steadfastly for 12 years, most notably as an assistant secretary and most recently as chair of the External Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Sutherland earned a Masters in Public Administration from Cleveland State University’s Levin College of Urban Affairs and a Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Merchandising from Bowling Green State University and spent many years in retail management and retail executive recruitment; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Sutherland has provided highly effective leadership in serving the interests of the citizens of her city, county, and region as a liaison to many organizations including Fairview/Lutheran Hospital; the Cleveland Restoration Society; the Westshore Council of Governments; and the Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Sutherland has encouraged others to work together for the good of Northeast Ohio and treats all persons with fairness, openness, and respect.
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, consisting of 45 principal officials serving general purpose local governments throughout and within the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina that a vote of thanks and continued success be conveyed to Deborah L. Sutherland for her dedication to the development of her community, county, and State, together with best wishes for a prosperous and productive future.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency adopted this 27th day of January 2017.

Secretary:

Date Signed: Jan 27 2017