NORTHEAST OHIO AREA WIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: January 3, 2020

RE: Resolution 2020-01: Appreciation to Board President Valarie J. McCall

ACTION REQUESTED
The Board of Directors is asked to approve Resolution 2020-01, which thanks and recognizes outgoing Board president Valarie McCall for her dedicated service to NCACA.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION
Valarie J. McCall has served NOACA steadfastly since 2006 as an alternate Board Member for Mayor Frank Jackson from 2006-2012 and as a Board of Directors member since 2013-2019. She has most notably served as the Board president for 2013 and 2019; as well as served on the Executive and Governance and External Affairs committees.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
There is no financial impact to this action.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS
Following Board adoption, Valarie J. McCall will receive a framed copy of the resolution.

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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 planning agency for the same region; and

WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall, serves as Chief of Communications, Government and International Affairs for the City of Cleveland; and,

WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall is the City of Cleveland's primary liaison to the state government, where she is the registered lobbyist for the city; and

WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall is also responsible for monitoring Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson's appointments to boards and commissions, and for managing the City of Cleveland's international programs; and

WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall is Mayor Jackson's primary representative to several national organizations, including the United States Conference of Mayors, National Conference of Black Mayors, National League of Cities and the National Black Caucus of Local and Elected Officials; and

WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall previously served as clerk of council for the City of Cleveland and as Director of the Cleveland Empowerment Zone, where she was responsible for a $200 million budget and supervised the distribution of funds for job training and placement programs; and

WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall is a resident of Cleveland, went to school in the Cleveland area, and holds a master's degree in public administration, a bachelor's degree in social work, and an honorary doctorate of public service from Cleveland State University; and

WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall also serves on the Boards of Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA), and American Public Transportation Association (APTA), where she served as Chair; and

WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall has served on NOACA's Board of Directors as the alternate for Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson from 2006 to 2012 and as the NOACA Board member since 2013; and

WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall was elected as NOACA's President of the Board of Directors for 2013 and 2019, with the distinction of being the first African-American female president in the history of the NOACA Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall led the agency in a regional strategic planning effort that resulted in a vision statement for the agency; and

WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall led the NOACA Board in updating the Code of Regulations and revising committee structure and membership to broaden the participation of Board members in NOACA's work; and
WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall initiated a useful and practical orientation for new Board members to emphasize their role in the important work of the agency; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership NOACA and its partners completed a feasibility study for the Great Lakes Hyperloop; and

WHEREAS, Valarie J. McCall understands regionalism and brings unbounded energy to help NOACA implement transportation and environmental plans and projects that can improve the quality of life in northeast Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, consisting of 46 principal officials serving general purpose local governments throughout and within the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina, and the City of Cleveland, that a vote of thanks and continued success be conveyed to Valarie J. McCall for her service to NOACA, the City of Cleveland and northeast Ohio, 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 10th day of January 2020.

Secretary: [Signature]

Date Signed: January 10, 2020