NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: January 3, 2020

RE: Resolution 2020-02: Appreciation to Holly Brinda

ACTION REQUESTED
The Board of Directors is asked to approve Resolution 2020-02, which thanks and recognizes outgoing Board member Holly Brinda for her dedicated service to NOACA.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION
Holly Brinda has served NOACA steadfastly for eight years from 2012 through 2019 as a Board of Directors member. She has most notably chaired the Air Quality Subcommittee in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
There is no financial impact to this action.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS
Following Board adoption, Holly Brinda 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, Holly Brinda served eight years as mayor of Elyria; and

WHEREAS, Holly Brinda also served on NOACA’s Board of Directors for eight years from 2012 through 2019, where she chaired the Air Quality Subcommittee in 2015, 2016 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Holly Brinda worked long and hard as a proponent of rebuilding the City of Elyria’s education infrastructure, which resulted in a new $73 million high school and an outlay of $140 million to replace all of Elyria’s school buildings; and

WHEREAS, under Mayor Brinda’s leadership, the city’s major capital improvements included a $37 million downtown revitalization project, a new main library branch downtown, two new hotels, 350 new home builds, an ongoing effort to bring in new regional businesses to the city’s Midway Mall, and raising $355,000 to replace the city’s historic fountain in Ely Square; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Brinda also helped establish Elyria Arts Council, a nonprofit with a working art gallery; and

WHEREAS, Holly Brinda served for 27 years in executive-level management roles as a Director or Vice President in the areas of K-12 education, higher education, and a number of large northeast Ohio nonprofit organizations before becoming mayor; and

WHEREAS, she served as past president and 12-year member of the Elyria Board of Education as well as a trustee on four other Lorain County organizations; and

WHEREAS, Holly Brinda is a fifth-generation resident of Elyria; and

WHEREAS, She graduated from Elyria High School and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in News Editorial Journalism from The Ohio State University and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Cleveland State University; and

WHEREAS, Holly Brinda began her career at WEOL radio and later became a columnist for The Lorain Morning Journal; and

WHEREAS, Holly Brinda’s lifetime passions are animal rescue and mentoring through volunteerism to build future leaders.

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 Holly Brinda for her service to NOACA, City of Cleveland and the City of Elyria, together with
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-002
(APPRECIATION TO HOLLY BRINDA)

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]