NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: January 3, 2020

RE: Resolution 2020-06: Appreciation to Chase Ritenauer

ACTION REQUESTED
The Board of Directors is asked to approve Resolution 2020-06, which thanks and recognizes outgoing Board member Chase Ritenauer for his dedicated service to NOACA.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION
Chase Ritenauer has served NOACA steadfastly for eight years from 2012 through 2019 as a member of the Board of Directors. He has most notably served as vice chair and chair of the Policy Committee in 2016 and 2017, respectively, and vice chair and chair of the Finance and Audit Committee in 2018 and 2019, respectively.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
There is no financial impact to this action.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS
Following Board adoption, Chase Ritenauer 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, Chase Ritenauer served as Mayor of the City of Lorain from 2012 through 2019, holding the distinction of becoming the youngest mayor in Lorain’s history at the age of 27; and

WHEREAS, under Mayor Ritenauer’s leadership with his focus on improving the city’s core services, tens of millions of dollars were invested in the city’s roadways and waterlines to bring the infrastructure up to 21st-century standards and Lorain’s neighborhoods and housing stock continue to improve; violent crime has decreased as a result of the city’s investment in its safety forces; and the State of Ohio removed Lorain from Fiscal Watch in 2014 and the city now has a balanced budget; and

WHEREAS, Chase Ritenauer served on NOACA’s Board of Directors for almost eight years from 2012 through 2019, where he was vice chair and chair of the Policy Committee in 2016 and 2017, respectively, and vice chair and chair of the Finance and Audit Committee in 2018 and 2019, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Chase Ritenauer completed an associate’s degree at Lorain County Community College while simultaneously completing his high-school diploma, and earned a bachelor’s degree from Heidelberg University and a master’s degree from The University of Akron, giving him a background in political science, public administration and quantitative methods; and

WHEREAS, he has taught at The University of Akron, Notre Dame College, Heidelberg University and Lorain County Community College; and

WHEREAS, Chase Ritenauer served as the director of public safety and service for the City of North Olmsted and as a deputy safety and service director for the City of Lorain before taking office as Mayor.

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 Chase Ritenauer for his service to NOACA and the City of Lorain, together with best wishes for a prosperous and productive future.
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-006
(APPRECIATION TO CHASE RITENAUER)

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:

Date Signed: January 10, 2020