



## **RESOLUTION 19-27**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REQUESTING THAT THE APPROPRIATION INCREASE OF RESOLUTION 19-06 BE ADOPTED DURING THE 2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2019**

**WHEREAS**, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission is a regional Council of Governments whose purpose is to institute and maintain a comprehensive planning and programming process for transportation, economic development, and environmental policy and provide a coordinative management process for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, per Indiana Code 36-7-7.6, the three (3) counties of Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties their forty-one (41) municipalities are represented on the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission and desire that the Commission provide services of regional benefit to these counties and municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to carry out its statutory purpose, IC 36-7-7.6-18 provides for an appropriation from the counties of Lake, Porter, and LaPorte for the Commission to carry out its purpose, which provides the local match dollars that enable these counties to receive certain Federal, State, and other funding through the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, NIRPC's county appropriation was set in 1992 at 70 cents per capita, was not indexed, and has not been increased since it was set in 1992; and

**WHEREAS**, this amount of appropriation has not kept pace with the real dollar value of the funding and activities to which this appropriation is applied; and

**WHEREAS**, NIRPC purposes every dollar of the appropriation it receives, is prevented from expanding its services to the region, and cannot leverage this appropriation for additional funding for the region of Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties without an increase in its per capita appropriation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has now received designation as an Economic Development District from the Economic Development Administration of the United States Department of Commerce, which will leverage additional funds for economic development within Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties but will also require that additional local match be made available to administer those funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission desires to increase NIRPC's per capita appropriation to adjust to current dollar value and to index that per capita appropriation to keep pace with future years in order to support activities for the benefit of Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties and its municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 21, 2019, the NIRPC Commission adopted Resolution 19-06 supporting this increase in county appropriations; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to put into place the local funding necessary to provide these services and to receive funding from the Economic Development Administration of the United States Department of Commerce to administer an Economic Development District for the area of Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties for the benefit of those counties and their municipalities, the Commission desires that the legislative change necessary to put into effect this appropriations adjustment be adopted in the 2020 Legislative Session;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Commission confirms its continued support of an increase in NIRPC's per capita county appropriation and to index the per capita rate according to the schedule identified in Attachment A to this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commission requests of its representatives and the Indiana General Assembly that the changes indicated in Resolution 19-06 Attachment A be incorporated into IC 36-7-7.6 during the 2020 legislative session.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this nineteenth day of September 2019.



Diane Noll  
Chairperson

**ATTEST:**



George Topoll  
Secretary