



Resolution 14-31

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION IN SUPPORT OF THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

October 16, 2014

WHEREAS, Northwest Indiana's citizens require a safe, efficient, effective, resource conserving regional transportation system that maintains and enhances regional mobility and contributes to improving the quality of life in Northwest Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as "The Commission," being designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the council of governments for the Lake, Porter and La Porte County area, has established a comprehensive, cooperative and continuing (3-C) transportation planning and programming process to develop the unified planning work program, a transportation plan, and a transportation program to facilitate federal funding for communities, counties and transit operators and to provide technical assistance and expertise to regional transportation interests; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Development Authority (hereinafter referred to as "The RDA", was established in September 2005 under Governing Statute IC36-7.5; and


WHEREAS, The RDA was supported by bipartisan majorities in both houses of the Indiana General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, The RDA was uniquely designed to focused specifically on needs and opportunities that have the potential of facilitating improvements in the economy, environment and quality of life in this region; and

WHEREAS, The RDA has successfully brought a return on investment to the northwest Indiana region of \$5.11 for every dollar spent for a total of more than \$1.1 billion by 2015;

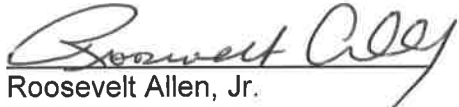
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission supports the reauthorization of the Regional Development Authority in at least its current form with at least its current levels of support and with at least its current participants.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this 16th day of October, 2014.



Brian Snedecor
Chairperson

ATTEST;



Roosevelt Allen, Jr.
Secretary