

**RESOLUTION BY THE WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PETITIONING FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE  
REGION III-A DEVELOPMENT AND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, Wabash County is not presently a member of any regional planning commission or economic development district but does share a contiguous boundary with Region III-A Development and Regional Planning Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Region III-A Development and Regional Planning Commission is established under Indiana Code 36-7-7 and is presently comprised of Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben and Whitley counties in Northeast Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, Region III-A Development and Regional Planning Commission is designated as an Economic Development District by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration under Title IV of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 for the purpose of fostering and promoting economic growth in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, Region III-A Development and Regional Planning Commission is operating as a Rural Planning Organization through the Indiana Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration for the purpose of more efficient data collection, analysis and long-term transportation planning.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Wabash County Board of Commissioners that Wabash County does now request the Governor of the State of Indiana authority to enter a multi-county planning commission known as Region III-A Development and Regional Planning Commission pursuant to the provisions contained in Indiana Code 36-7-7-3.

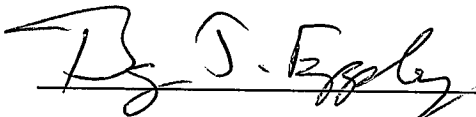
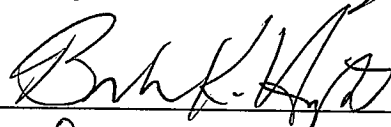
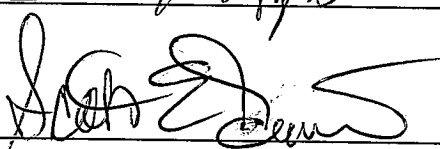
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Wabash County Board of Commissioners that Wabash County tax levy imposed under Indiana Code 36-7-7-12 shall not apply to Wabash County nor the five existing counties that comprise Region III-A Development & Regional Planning Commission.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Wabash County Board of Commissioners that Wabash County does now request an amendment to the existing U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration designated Region III-A Economic Development District boundaries consisting of Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben and Whitley counties, and inclusion within the Northeast Indiana Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

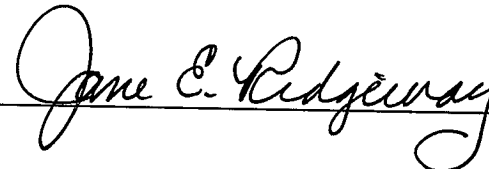
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Wabash County Board of Commissioners that executed copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of Indiana and the Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**BE IT RESOLVED THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2010.**

Wabash County Board of Commissioners

  
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