



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) is the state recognized regional planning organization for the three southwest Michigan counties of Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren;

WHEREAS, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC), is an Economic Development District partner to the Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) and has been since 1976;

WHEREAS, the SWMPC is the state and federally recognized Metropolitan Planning Organization providing transportation planning expertise to the two Urbanized Areas (UZA) of Niles, Buchanan, and Cass Area Transportation Study (NATS) and the Twin Cities Area Transportation Study (TwinCATS);

WHEREAS, the SWMPC has been the lead applicant for Region 8 of Michigan's Regional Prosperity Initiative (RPI) since its inception in 2014;

WHEREAS, the three counties within the SWMPC planning region, Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren are well served by engaging in a seven county RPI collaborative for RPI Region 8;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SWMPC formally supports and endorses the 2019 Regional Prosperity Initiative application submitted on October 15, 2018.

RESOLVED ON THIS SIXTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER 2018.

Don Hanson, Chair SWMPC