



RESOLUTION 2020-6

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 U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) and has been since 1976;

WHEREAS, the SWMPC, as part of its EDA work is the author of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for southwest Michigan;

WHEREAS, the SWMPC has established partnerships with the Kinexus Group and the University of Michigan Economic Growth Institute to collaborate on an Economic Recovery Strategy to respond to the impending 2022 decommissioning of the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant;

WHEREAS, the current 2018-2022 CEDS specifies numerous goals met by the Economic Recovery Strategy;

WHEREAS, the SWMPC has translated its Economic Recovery Strategy into a grant application to the EDA for \$969,261.60 constituting 80 percent of the total project cost;

WHEREAS, the SWMPC has translated its Economic Recovery Strategy into a matching grant application and subsequent award of \$140,000 from the Consumers Energy Foundation;

WHEREAS, the SWMPC has translated its Economic Recovery Strategy into a matching grant application and subsequent award of \$53,000 from the Michigan Department of Treasury;

WHEREAS, the SWMPC has translated its Economic Recovery Strategy into a matching grant application and subsequent award of \$50,000 from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority;

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of the SWMPC has been authorized to sign and execute grant documents for the SWMPC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission that it supports the submission of a United States Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration grant application to fund the Palisades Economic Recovery Strategy project in the amount of \$969,261.60.

RESOLVED ON THIS FIFTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.

Teri Sue Feehling, Chair SWMPC