

RESOLUTION

**AUTHORIZE EASTGATE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TO SUBMIT THE ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONAL JOB TRAINING
GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO GOVERNOR'S
OFFICE OF APPALACHIA AND OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
AGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments (Eastgate) is the designated Local Development District (LDD) for Ashtabula, Mahoning and Trumbull Counties, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, in the 2018-2019 biennial budget, the Ohio General Assembly provided the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) with partial program funding through the casino upfront license fees in the amount of \$4,140,018 to fund the Regional Job Training Program; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Job Training Program funds must be used to fund regional job training efforts to equip Ohio's workforce with additional skills to help grow the economy. The program is available to Ohio's 32 Appalachian counties for current and new job training efforts and to supplement the work of Ohio's workforce partners and the Appalachian Regional Commission in job training efforts; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this program is to increase the knowledge, education and skills of Ohio's Appalachian communities by supporting regional efforts to grow the economy and prepare the workforce for high paying in-demand jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Job Training Program is to be administered in conjunction with the four Local Development Districts (LDDs) designated by the Appalachian Regional Commission and each LDD will receive an initial allocation of \$1,000,000 to allot for approved projects; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Policy Board of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments, State of Ohio, hereby authorizes the Eastgate to prepare and submit a pre-application to the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) for funding of \$1,035,004.50 from the Regional Job Training Program with no commitment of matching funds, and to accept any subsequent grant contract;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the other Regional Job Training Program project pre-applications submitted to Eastgate by the January 5, 2018 deadline will be considered for priority consideration for the \$1,035,004.50 in funding if received.

Passed this 29th day of January, 2018.

ATTEST:



James G. Kinnick, P.E., Executive Director



Patrick T. Ginnetti, P.E., P.S., Chairman