

RESOLUTION 15 -01

SUPPORTING "ACCELERATE: A PLAN FOR REGIONAL PROSPERITY— ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND PROSPERITY PLAN FOR THE 1-69 THUMB REGION"

WHEREAS, the Regional Prosperity Initiative (RPI) is a State of Michigan voluntary competitive grant process designed to encourage local private, public and non-profit partners to create vibrant regional economies.

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is a U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant designed to bring together the public and private sectors in the creation of an economic roadmap to diversify and strengthen regional economies. St. Clair County is included in the 1-69 International Trade Corridor CEDS plan, which includes Genesee, Lapeer, Shiawassee and St. Clair counties.

WHEREAS, "Accelerate: A Plan for Regional Prosperity— Economic Development Strategy and Prosperity Plan for the 1-69 Thumb Region" is the culmination of a collaborative planning process for the seven-county area resulting in a coordinated Federal Economic Development Strategy and State Prosperity Plan.

WHEREAS, "Accelerate" creates an economic roadmap for unified actions in the region leading to new jobs, international marketing opportunities and investment. These actions will both strengthen and diversify the regional economy. The roadmap will also help guide the coordinated efforts by local communities across the seven counties in a manner that will positively impact the region as a whole.

WHEREAS, the Regional Steering Committee was given the oversight to develop and implement "Accelerate", and held monthly meetings to review progress in plan development. The Steering Committee convened on December 18, 2014 to review the final draft and made a motion to recommend adoption which passed unanimously.

WHEREAS, St Clair County has also submitted CEDS projects through the Southeastern Michigan Council of Government (SEMCOG) to the USEDA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this Board of Commissioners of St. Clair County, Michigan, that the request by the Regional Steering Committee to endorse the "Accelerate: A Plan for Regional Prosperity — Economic Development Strategy and Prosperity Plan for the 1-69 Thumb Region" is approved and is available for public viewing at www.I-69thumbregion.org.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution of Adoption will be added to the final document for submission to the Economic Development Administration for their review and consideration.

February 26, 2014

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