

RESOLUTION 01-17

WHEREAS, the Northwest Ohio Regional Economic Development Association is a non-profit association of economic development practitioners and partners spanning 12 counties throughout Northwest Ohio, and;

WHEREAS, NORED is a forum for the exchange of information among its members and others aimed at increasing job opportunities and improving the quality of life throughout the region, and;

WHEREAS, NORED provides professional development programs for its members, advocates for legislative changes to enhance economic development, and implements programs to market the benefits of locating in Northwest Ohio, and;

WHEREAS, Davis Besse Nuclear Power Station is Ottawa County's largest employer and taxpayer, employing more than 700 highly-skilled and highly-trained individuals from throughout Northwest Ohio and supports an additional 4,600 jobs in other industries across the State of Ohio, and contributes more than \$20 million in local taxes to the community, and;

WHEREAS, Davis Besse Nuclear Power Station produces and distributes 900 megawatts of carbon-free, base load electricity that is critical to the residential, commercial and industrial base in Ottawa County and Northwest Ohio, and;

WHEREAS, FirstEnergy Corporation has formally announced its intentions to exit the competitive energy generation business, which may result in the sale, closure or declaration of bankruptcy that directly impacts Davis Besse, and;

WHEREAS, establishing a balanced energy portfolio in the state of Ohio is critical to the economic competitiveness of Ohio as a place to locate and grow a business, and;

WHEREAS, nuclear power is an important energy generation source to establishing and maintaining a balanced energy portfolio in the state of Ohio.

NOW THEREFORE, the Northwest Ohio Regional Economic Development Association asserts the following:

- It is a priority of the Association to work together with the state of Ohio, Ottawa County community and company to determine appropriate measures to support the continued operation of Davis Besse Nuclear Power Station and employment of the more than 700 individuals and contractors at the facility.
- Association leadership will continue to work with company representatives, community leaders, and elected
 officials at the local, state and federal level to ensure meaningful dialogue takes place which leads to a
 positive outcome for the community and our residents.

Be)it Resolved this 13th day of April, 2017 in City of Perrysburg, County of Wood, and State of Ohio.

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