

**A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING TMACOG TO DO BUSINESS AS
THE LAKE ERIE WEST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) is a voluntary association of local governments in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan, organized on May 31, 1968, and established under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Michigan Public Act No. 7 (EX-SESS); and

WHEREAS, TMACOG is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governor through the Ohio Department of Transportation in cooperation with local elected officials and is authorized to carry out the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process (Process) for the Toledo area that results in plans and programs that consider all transportation modes and supports community development and social goals; and

WHEREAS, TMACOG is designated as the Areawide Water Quality Planning Agency for Lucas, Wood, Ottawa, and Sandusky counties in Ohio and three townships in Monroe County, Michigan. under Section 208 of the Clean Water Act of 1972; and

WHEREAS, TMACOG conducted a strategic plan process in 2024, and one of the pillars identified was, Marketing and Branding; and

WHEREAS, TMACOG members emphasized the value of changing the name of the organization to one that is representative of the geographic region for which the metropolitan planning organization and council of governments serves; and

WHEREAS, TMACOG focus groups convened in May 2025 and early-June 2025 and concurred with changing the name in which TMACOG does business to the Lake Erie West Regional Council; and

WHEREAS, the name change was presented to TMACOG's Governing Board on September 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) Bylaws designate the General Assembly with the authority to propose, initiate, or take any action to further the purpose of TMACOG.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments that:

Section 1

The official name of the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments be changed to "Lake Erie West Regional Council" for all purposes.

Section 2

That the TMACOG executive director is hereby authorized to submit applications and proposals for funds made available by private and public sources, including federal, state, and local governments as the Lake Erie West Regional Council.

Section 3

That the executive director is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents, contracts, and subcontracts as the Lake Erie West Regional Council.

Section 4

Pursuant to state law, the executive director is authorized to take all necessary steps to register the Lake Erie West Regional Council name with the Ohio Auditor of State.

Section 5

Once the name change has been approved, the Bylaws of the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments shall be renamed as the Bylaws of the Lake Erie West Regional Council.

Date of Adoption: _____

Edward L. Schimmel, Chair
Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG)

Attest:

I, **Sandy Spang**, TMACOG Executive Director, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate account of Resolution No. 2026-01, adopted on _____.

Sandy Spang, Executive Director