

RESOLUTION 2016-22
ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**AUTHORIZING THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING
COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR U.S. EDA ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE
FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Administration (EDA), U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) has announced the availability of federal funding for the FY 2016 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs; and

WHEREAS, the County of St. Clair, Michigan is qualified as an eligible applicant for the EDA's Economic Adjustment Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission is an official department of St. Clair County government; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 33 of 2008, being MCLA 125.3801 et seq., authorizes the St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission to apply for, receive and accept such funds; and

WHEREAS, DTE Energy has announced the retirement of the St. Clair Power Plant in East China Township by 2023; and

WHEREAS, the St. Clair Power Plant currently accounts for 40% of East China Township's taxable value and, combined with the nearby Belle River Power Plant, the plants account for 52.5% of the township's taxable value; and

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission will partner with the Economic Development Alliance of St. Clair County to conduct a comprehensive economic impact study on the St. Clair Power Plant closure; and

WHEREAS, the proposed economic impact study will allow county and local officials, as well as economic developers, to take a proactive approach to mitigating any negative impacts that will result from the plant's closure; and

WHEREAS, DTE Energy has offered to commit \$50,000 in matching funds toward the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, funds to be invested in the project have not yet been expended and will not be expended prior to the date of the beginning of the project period if a grant is awarded.

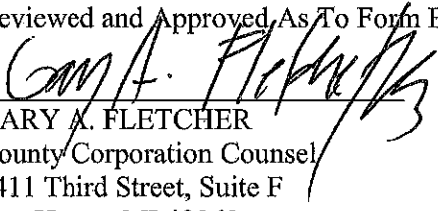
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

1. David Struck, Executive Director of the St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission, is authorized to submit a grant application with the U.S. Economic Development Administration for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000); and
2. The \$50,000 funding match from DTE Energy shall be committed to the proposed Economic Impact Study for the St. Clair Power Plant Closure; and

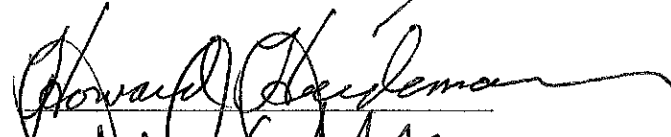
3. Karry Hepting, Administrator/Controller of St. Clair County, is authorized to sign and execute all grant award documents between St. Clair County and the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

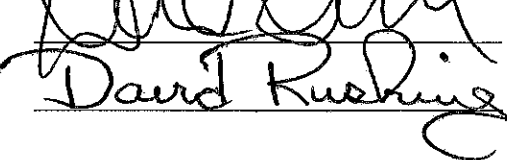
DATED: September 1, 2016

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