

**RESOLUTION**

To every extent possible, committing to spend Federal Economic Renewal Grant funds to purchase products produced or services performed in the United States in order to maximize the success of our nation's economic recovery program.

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WHEREAS, the economic downturn is having a critical impact on everyday Americans who are struggling to maintain or find jobs in an increasingly difficult environment.

WHEREAS those same Americans are the taxpayers that provide the revenue needed to operate essential government services.

WHEREAS, congress and President Obama are planning a taxpayer-sponsored economic recovery package that will provide billions of dollars to help economically devastated cities and states immediately provide jobs to millions of out-of-work Americans through considerable infrastructure rebuilding, green energy projects and other projects that will require manufactured components.

WHEREAS, our taxpayer dollars should be spent to maximize the creation of American jobs and restoring the economic vitality of our communities.

WHEREAS, any domestically produced products that are purchased with economic recovery plan monies will immediately help struggling American families and will help stabilize our greater economy.

AND WHEREAS, any economic recovery plan spending should – to every extent possible – include a commitment from Cuyahoga County to buy materials, goods and services for projects from companies that are produced within the United States, thus employing the very workers that pay the taxes for the economic recovery plan spending in the first place.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we the undersigned will work to maximize the creation of American jobs and restoring economic growth and opportunity by spending economic recovery plan funds on products and services that both create jobs and help keep Americans employed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commit to purchasing only products and services that are made or performed in the United States of America whenever and wherever possible with any economic recovery monies provided to Cuyahoga County by the American taxpayer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as legislators of Cuyahoga County, we commit to publish any request to waive these procurement priorities so as to give American workers and producers the opportunity to identify and provide the American products and services that will maximize the success of our nation's economic recovery program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to James McCafferty, County Administrator; James Corrigan, Government Relations Officer, Administrator's Office/Health & Human Services and Timothy Buxton, Staff Representative and Education Coordinator, United Steelworkers.

**On Motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Dimora, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.**

**Ayes: Jones, Dimora, Hagan.**

**Nays: None.**

**Resolution Adopted.**

**Jeanne M. Schmotzer,  
Clerk of the Board**

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