## WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL

## ORDINANCE NO. 2015-85-05

## AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE NORTHEAST INDIANA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The 2015 Indiana General Assembly enacted HB 1403 which allows each county and qualified city to join with one or more counties and/or qualified cities in order to establish a Development Authority.

The Wabash County Council has determined that it would be in the best interest of the citizens of the County of Wabash to establish the Northeast Indiana Regional Development Authority with the following other Indiana counties:

- 1. Adams County
- 2. Allen County
- 3. DeKalb County
- 4. Huntington County
- 5. LaGrange County
- 6. Noble County
- 7. Steuben County
- 8. Wells County
- 9. Whitley County

## IT IS THEREFORE NOW ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Pursuant to IC 36-7.6-2-3, the County of Wabash, jointly with the other Indiana counties listed above, hereby joins in establishing the Northeast Indiana Regional Development Authority ("Authority").
- 2. The Authority shall consist of the entire area located within the legal boundaries of the County of Wabash, as well as the territory of the other counties, cities, and towns that are or will become members ("Members") of the Authority.
- 3. The County of Wabash shall be a Member of the Authority for a period commencing immediately upon the enactment of this Ordinance and ending June 30, 2023.
- 4. The Authority shall be managed by a Development Board ("Board") consisting of five board members ("Board Members"). The nomination and appointment of the Board, the organization of the Authority, the scope of the powers to by exercised by the Board, the manner in which such powers are to be exercised, and all of the other functions of the Board shall be as set forth in IC 36-7.6-2-1 et seq., and all acts amendatory and supplemental thereto, as well as any other applicable laws of the state.

- 5. This ordinance may be amended or repealed in whole or in part, at any time
- 6. Should any portion of this ordinance be deemed invalid for any reason, that portion shall be considered severable and the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED THIS <u>26</u> DAY OF <u>May</u>

, 2015.

WABASH COUNTY

Mike Ridenour, President

ATTEST

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor