

**Muskegon City Commission**

RESOLUTION OF  
COMMUNITY COMMITMENT FOR THE MICHIGAN PORT COLLABORATIVE

WHEREAS, the mission of the Michigan Port Collaborative is to elevate the recognition and economic vitality of our State's Great Lakes port communities by protecting and promoting our Great Lakes and developing our coastal communities as the "Michigan's Front Door"; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Port Collaborative defines a Michigan Port Community as a Great Lakes coastal community that hosts a marine cargo shipping port, a marine commercial port (non-cargo), and / or a recreational harbor; and

WHEREAS **the City of Muskegon** is home to a marine cargo shipping port, a marine commercial port (non-cargo), and a recreational harbor and therefore clearly meets the Michigan Port Collaborative definition of a Port Community; and

WHEREAS **the City of Muskegon** recognizes that membership in the Michigan Port Collaborative will benefit and enable this and other Michigan port communities, our private and non-profit partners, as well as State and federal leaders to:

- Speak with a clear voice in Lansing and Washington, D.C. on Michigan port funding and policy priorities;
- Effectively market and promote each Great Lakes community and its region;
- Leverage and enhance port and regional assets and funding to maximum advantage;
- Access the growing information, experience, creativity, talent and knowledge of the Collaborative and its individual public, private and non-profit sector members; AND

WHEREAS, **the City of Muskegon** is committed to the long term goals of the Michigan Port Collaborative, which require that Collaborative Member Communities demonstrate that they are working to develop their Port and region in ways that protect and promote:

- Our Great Lakes, their unique coastal habitats, and citizen stewardship of them;
- Exceptional and diverse recreational and educational opportunities;
- Attractive, user-friendly public access to port activities, which must be effectively linked to local assets and the community business districts, with emphasis on walk-ability, integrated and effective transportation service, and signage;
- Universal, barrier free and remote access to Michigan Ports, their services and activities;
- Public awareness and respect for Michigan's rich maritime culture and history, from the pre-historic days of indigenous people, through Michigan's settlement era and through modern time;
- Environmentally sustainable practices, including reducing waste and pollution in the port community, including marinas, tourism businesses, commercial, cargo shipping and other operations in the port Community;
- Wise land use planning and redevelopment of contaminated properties along our Great Lakes waterfront and in our Port Communities; and

- Effective strategic and marketing planning; AND

WHEREAS, the Michigan Port Collaborative requires Michigan port communities seeking membership in the Collaborative to apply to the Collaborative and submit within six months of application both of the following:

- 1) An inventory of local and regional assets, resources and needs that will enable the port community to provide a maritime tourism and working water front experience for their port businesses, residents and
- 2) A resolution adopted by the community's governing body that demonstrates the port community's commitment to:
  - Build effective public / private / non-profit partnerships at the local and regional level;
  - Achieve the long term goals and meet the membership criteria of the Collaborative;
  - Actively participate in the Michigan Port Collaborative and its mission; and
  - Name a community individual as its liaison to the Collaborative.

WHEREAS the Michigan Port Collaborative is working to create a governing structure to further refine and develop member proposals and support for both short- and long-term membership criteria and the concept of a Michigan Port Collaborative designation process which may include incentives and rewards for Collaborative members, as well as ways to help the public readily identify Collaborative members and positively "brand" the Collaborative and its partners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT this resolution serves as the membership application for **the City of Muskegon** to the Michigan Port Collaborative and conveys to the Collaborative this Port Community's commitment to prepare a community and regional asset inventory, in conjunction with Muskegon Area First and the Muskegon Chamber of Commerce, as well as meet the Collaborative's membership requirements within six months of the effective date of this resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT **the City of Muskegon** will make certain that this resolution shall be entered in the public record and a copy of this resolution shall be promptly conveyed to the Michigan Port Collaborative and the county, regional, state and federal officials who will benefit from this Port Community's membership in the Collaborative.

Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> of May, 2010.

AYES: Spataro, Warmington, Wierengo, Wisneski, Carter, Gawron

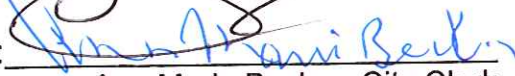
NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

By:

  
Stephen J. Warmington, Mayor

Attest:

  
Ann Marie Becker, City Clerk