## RESOLUTION NO. 35-2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OHIO MID-EASTERN GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATION (OMEGA) TO SERVE AS THE LEAD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICANT FOR THE APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM IN TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Appalachian Community Grant Program, created by House Bill 377, provides support to political subdivisions, educational institutions, port authorities, community improvement corporations, and nonprofits within the 32-county Ohio Appalachian region to undertake projects related to downtown revitalization/infrastructure, workforce development, and healthcare; and

WHEREAS, OMEGA is the designated Local Development District for Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Muskingum, and Tuscarawas counties, as recognized by the Ohio Governor's Office of Appalachia and the Appalachian Regional Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Appalachian Community Grant Program guidelines encourage applicants to work with their Local Development District to complete their applications for eligible project funding; and

WHEREAS, OMEGA will serve as the lead applicant for the Tuscarawas County Technical Assistance Grant Application for the Appalachian Community Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Philadelphia requests planning assistance for Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail and regional Connections, a vital component of the county-wide vision of inter-connected projects to be presented within an Appalachian Community Grant technical assistance application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, County of Tuscarawas, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the City of New Philadelphia authorizes OMEGA to serve as the lead applicant for a technical assistance grant from the Appalachian Community Grant program on behalf of the communities and non-profit organizations in Tuscarawas County.

SECTION 2. This Resolution is here declared to be an emergency measure and its immediate passage is necessary in order to preserve, protect, and maintain the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 102 28 , 2022

DONALD C. KEMP

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATEST:

JULIE COURTWRIGHT CLERK OF COUNCIL APPROVED:

MAYOR JOEL B. DAY

SPONSORED BY: SAFETY, HEALTH AND SERVICES COMMITTEE