WHEREAS; The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is a unique federal-state partnership providing social and economic support for a 13-state region stretching along the Appalachian Mountains from southern New York to northern Mississippi, and

WHEREAS; Established by the United States Congress in 1965, when Appalachia was considered "a region apart" from the rest of the nation, ARC has worked to bring Appalachia's 22 million people into America's economic mainstream, and

WHEREAS; In North Carolina, ARC supports economic development activities in Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Davie, Forsyth, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Stokes, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, and Yancey counties, and

WHEREAS; The Isothermal Planning and Development Commission serves as the Lead Regional Organization on behalf of the member governments of Region C, and

WHEREAS; The Isothermal Planning and Development Commission administers the Appalachian Regional Commissions efforts on behalf of McDowell, Rutherford, and Polk Counties and the towns and Cities within these counties, and

WHEREAS; Cleveland County North Carolina is a member County of Region C in good standing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ISOTHERMAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION SUPPORTS THE INCLUSION OF CLEVELAND COUNTY, NC TO BE A MEMBER OF AND PART OF THE REGION KNOWN AS THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION.

This ____ day of March, 2017

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Fred Baisden, Chairman

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Bryan King, Secretary

ATTEST_____________________________________
Judy Lynch, Clerk to the Board