

**2009 Resolution on the expenditure of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Awards by County of Franklin, Ohio (Commissioners)**

**WHEREAS**, the economic downturn is having a critical impact on all families in Franklin County, Ohio, and across America who are struggling to maintain or find jobs in an increasingly difficult environment; and,

**WHEREAS**, those same families pay taxes that provide the revenue needed to operate essential government services; and,

**WHEREAS**, Congress and President Obama have provided a taxpayer-sponsored economic recovery package that provides billions of dollars to help economically devastated cities, counties, and states provide jobs to millions of out-of-work Americans through considerable infrastructure rebuilding, green energy projects, and other projects that will require manufactured components; and,

**WHEREAS**, our taxpayer dollars should be spent to maximize the creation of Franklin County, Ohio, or American jobs and restoring the economic vitality of our communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, domestically produced products purchased with economic recovery plan monies will help struggling American families and will help stabilize our greater economy; and,

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, we the undersigned will work to maximize the creation of Franklin County, Ohio, and 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 and especially Ohio and Franklin County families employed; and,

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,** we commit – insofar as the letter of the law permits – to purchasing products and services that are made or performed preferably in Franklin County, Ohio, or in the United States of America whenever and wherever possible with any economic recovery monies provided to Franklin County by the American taxpayers; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,** as Franklin County Commissioners, we commit to transparency of all requests to waive these procurement priorities so as to give Franklin County, Ohio, and American workers and producers and businesses the opportunity to identify and provide the Franklin County and American products and services that will maximize the success of our nation's economic recovery program.