RESOLUTION NO. 2026-42

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S U.S. MARINE HIGHWAY PROGRAM FOR A PORT MASTER PLANNING PROJECT; COMMITTING THE REQUIRED NON-FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), Maritime Administration (MARAD), administers the U.S. Marine Highway Program, which provides financial assistance for projects that strengthen America's Marine Highway System and improve the movement of freight on the nation's navigable waterways; and

WHEREAS, the Lorain Port Authority desires to apply and submit an application for a comprehensive Port Master Plan to establish a long-term vision for maritime infrastructure improvements, multimodal connectivity, economic development, cargo diversification, operational efficiency, and waterfront redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the proposed Port Master Planning Project is approximately $400,000; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Marine Highway Program requires a minimum 20 percent non-federal cost share, along with a letter of financial commitment which outlines that the Port will allocate the 20% match, $80,000, upon grant award; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that completion of a comprehensive Port Master Plan is in the best interest of the Lorain Port and it's stakeholders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Lorain Port Authority:

SECTION I. The Executive Director, or her designee, is authorized to prepare and submit an application, and letter of financial commitment, to the MARAD's U.S. Marine Highway Program for funding to complete the Port Master Planning Project.

SECTION II. The Lorain Port Authority hereby commits to providing the required non-federal matching funds. These funds shall be made available upon award of the grant and shall be used for eligible project costs.

SECTION III. The Lorain Port and Finance Authority agrees to comply with all applicable federal statutes, regulations, grant assurances, and requirements of the USDOT and MARAD.

SECTION IV. It is found and determined that all formal proceedings and actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal Requirements, including Section 121.22, of the Ohio Revised Code.

Ayes: 8 **Nays: 0** **Abstain: 0** **Adopted: 08/11/2026**

Brad Mullins (Aug 20, 2026 14:50:09 EDT)

Brad Mullins, Chairman

Tiffany McClelland

Tiffany McClelland, Executive Director