**County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio**

**Resolution No. R2013-0210**

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<th>A Resolution authorizing a Continuation Agreement with County Commissioners Association of Ohio Service Corporation for participation in the Natural Gas Purchase Program for the period 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2019; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreement and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.</th>
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WHEREAS, the County Executive/Department of Public Works has submitted a continuation agreement with the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Service Corporation (“CCAOSC”) for participation in their Natural Gas Purchase Program for the period 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2019; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public works request that the County authorize and approve the Department of Public Works’ Director to participate with the CCAOSC in order to create and adopt comprehensive guidelines for the funding, management, and administration of CCAOSC’s natural gas purchase program; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code Section 9.48 allows political subdivisions to participate in joint purchasing program; and

WHEREAS, the reason that the Department of Public Works’ would like to continue participation in the Natural Gas Purchase Program to secures competitively price firm natural gas supplies for the County and its communities; and

WHEREAS, there is no cost for the County’s participation in the program; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

**SECTION 1.** That the Cuyahoga County Council authorizes a continuation agreement with the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Service Corporation (“CCAOSC”) for participation in their Natural Gas Purchase Program for the period 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2019.
SECTION 2. That the Director of the Department of Public Works, on behalf of the County Executive, is authorized to continue participation in the Natural Gas Purchase Program to secure competitively price, firm natural gas supplies for the County and its communities.

SECTION 3. That the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into and execute an agreement of continuation and any other documents consistent with this Resolution.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council 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.

On a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Conwell, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon, Greenspan and Connally

Nays: None

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County Council President  Date

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County Executive  Date
First Reading/Referred to Committee:  September 24, 2013
Committee(s) Assigned:  Public Works, Procurement & Contracting

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