RESOLUTION 2003-08

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PRINCIPLES OF REGIONAL COOPERATION

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that each City of Powell's actions and decisions affect, for better or worse, its neighboring communities and others in the central Ohio region; and

WHEREAS, communication among central Ohio's counties, cities, villages, townships, special districts, Ohio Department of Transportation and others becomes increasingly critical as a result of the 500,000 people who are expected to be added to the seven-county central Ohio region by 2025; and

WHEREAS, a structure to communicate significant changes in policies, land use, infrastructure, and services will facilitate greater and earlier understanding of such actions and decisions; and

WHEREAS, the *City of Powell* is committed to engage in information sharing with other City of Powell and agencies to facilitate regional cooperation and, to the extent possible, regional decision-making; therefore, be it

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF POWELL, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1 That the *City of Powell* commits to participate in an exchange of planning information including comprehensive plans, major infrastructure projects, zoning and subdivision decision, etc., with other City of Powell and agencies through a Central Ohio Planning Exchange (COPE) as it becomes available.

Section 2 That the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) will be the home for the development and operation of the Central Ohio Planning Exchange, and the *City of Powell* will work with MORPC to develop and refine the COPE.

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Section 3 That through the COPE the *City of Powell* reaffirms its commitment to the Regional Pledge with particular attention to the following elements:

- encouraging and supporting a spirit of cooperation among the local governments in a manner that will protect the rights of the individual local governments and;
- sharing plans with the entire regional community when adopted and;
- supporting and promoting concerted action among the local governments for their mutual benefit and for the welfare of the region as a whole and;
- joining and cooperating with other communities to insure the efficient delivery of public services for the health, safety and general welfare of the region as a whole and;
- to identify areas where regional solutions, principles, and approaches can serve all communities regardless of community demographics, boundaries, diversity or differences.

Section 4: This resolution is a voluntary and non-binding declaration of the *City of Powell* that acknowledges its desire and need to be a responsible regional citizen.

Section 5: That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of the decision making bodies of the Municipality of Powell which resulted in such formal actions were in meetings so open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the Municipality of Powell, Delaware County, Ohio.

Section 6: That this Resolution shall take effect at the earliest possible date permitted by law.

VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2003-08: **Y ___6_____ N ___0_____**

Art Schultz **Mayor**	**Date**	**Dawn Nauman** **Clerk of Council**	**Date**