RESOLUTION 11-10

A Resolution Establishing the Norman E. Tufford Award

WHEREAS, the Lake-Porter County Regional Transportation and Planning Commission, which became the three-county Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) in 1973, was established as a regional planning commission as a result of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1962, and multi-county planning enabling legislation for Indiana in 1965; and

WHEREAS, NIRPC was guided during its early years by Norman E. Tufford who served as the first executive director from January 1, 1967 until his retirement on December 31, 1986; and

WHEREAS, Norman E. Tufford was well known for his dedication to NIRPC, for his support for the concept of regionalism, for his expert leadership during NIRPC’s formative years, for his patience, persistence and honesty in the face of difficult times during the early years of regionalism in the three-county area, and for his many accomplishments that improved the quality of life in Northwest Indiana; and

WHEREAS, NIRPC now wishes to memorialize its founding executive director and to recognize, from time to time as appropriate, NIRPC commissioners and staff for exceptional dedication and service to NIRPC, and who emulate the best characteristics of Norman E. Tufford;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the full commission of the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, that the Norman E. Tufford Award is hereby created; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a three-member award selection committee is hereby established to be comprised of the current chair of NIRPC or his assign, the current executive director of NIRPC, and a citizen of Lake, Porter, or LaPorte counties in the state of Indiana chosen by the current NIRPC chair for purposes of identifying and selecting worthy recipients of this award from time to time and to be presented at the annual meeting of the Commission.

RESOLVED and ADOPTED this 28th day of April, 2011.

Thomas McDermott, Jr.
Chairman

ATTEST:

Kenneth Laxon
Secretary