RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL POLICY BOARD OF THE NORTHEAST OHIO FOUR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (NEFCO) AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE 2011 CLEAN WATER PLAN UPDATE AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THE UPDATE TO THE OHIO EPA FOR CERTIFICATION BY THE GOVERNOR AND SUBMITTAL BY THE OHIO EPA TO USEPA FOR APPROVAL

WHEREAS, NEFCO is the designated water quality management planning agency for Portage, Stark, Summit and Wayne Counties; and

WHEREAS, as part of that designation it is NEFCO's responsibility to coordinate the use and amending of its Clean Water Plan, also known as the 208 Plan; and

WHEREAS, NEFCO received funding from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) to complete a comprehensive update of the Clean Water Plan in Portage, Stark, Summit, and Wayne Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio River Basin and Lake Erie Basin portions of the previous version of the Clean Water Plan were combined into a single plan; and

WHEREAS, this update of the Clean Water Plan includes Chapters 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio EPA has requested NEFCO's approval of Clean Water Plan amendments for incorporation into the Ohio Water Quality Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, public input on these amendments has been made available by various means including via newspaper listings; NEFCO's Board meetings, NEFCO newsletters, NEFCO's website, and a September public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the NEFCO Environmental Resources Technical Advisory Committee (ERTAC) discussed the various updates and considered public comments at its December 7, 2011, meeting and recommended NEFCO General Policy Board approval of the update;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NEFCO General Policy Board authorizes the submittal of the 2011 Clean Water Plan update and authorization to submit the update to the Ohio EPA for certification by the Governor and submittal by the Ohio EPA to USEPA for approval.

Certified as action taken by the NEFCO General Policy Board at its regular meeting held on December 21, 2011.

Bob Breneman, Secretary NEFCO General Policy Board