

**Resolution to Approve the  
Upper Coastal Plain Economic Development District  
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2017-2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments was designated on June 26, 1996 as an Economic Development District (EDD) by the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA); and,

**WHEREAS**, a CEDS Advisory Committee and Strategy Development Group were appointed by the UCPCOG Board of Directors to represent the five county EDD as a whole; and,

**WHEREAS**, the UCPCOG/EDD creates and maintains a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the five-county district to work together strategically, and provide member local governments priority access to funding; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments (UCPCOG) EDD has a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) which has been substantially updated and revised over the last 12 months: and,

**WHEREAS**, a CEDS Strategy Development Group was appointed by the CEDS Advisory Committee to oversee the creation of the updated and revised CEDS and to make decisions regarding the update and revisions to the CEDS; and,

**WHEREAS**, the five counties within the UCPCOG had representatives on the CEDS Strategy Development Group and participated in the process of updating the CEDS and are members of good standing of the Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 2017-2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy provides a blueprint for economic growth in the five county COG region and benefit the citizens therein;


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Upper Coastal Plain (Council of Governments) Economic Development District Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts the Five-Year Update: CEDS 2017-2022 to the Upper Coastal Plain Economic Development District Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.



Barbara S. Simmons, Chairman of the Board  
Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments

10-17-2017  
Date of Approval

Attest:



Greg Browning, Secretary/Treasurer  
Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments