

**THE SUMMIT AND MEDINA WORKFORCE AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FOR OHIO LOCAL WORKFORCE AREA 2
RESOLUTION 2025-12**

A Resolution authorizing the inclusion of Goodwill Industries of Akron, Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board, Volunteers of America: Ohio and Indiana, Portage Lakes Career Center, Jobs for Ohio's Graduates, and OhioGuidestone as "Additional Partners," defined in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 Section 121(b)(2) to the State Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 Local Workforce Area One-Stop Partner Memorandum of Understanding.

WHEREAS, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 ("WIOA") requires the presence of partners providing certain services identified in WIOA Section 121(b)(1) at all American Job Centers ("AJC") nationally;

WHEREAS; WIOA Section 121(b)(2) allows entities not identified in Section 121(b)(1) to be included as "Additional Partners" to a Local Workforce Area's Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), so long as their inclusion is consistent with WIOA's goals and receives the approval of the Workforce Area's Workforce Development Board ("WDB") and chief elected officials, and;

WHEREAS, the Area 2 chief elected officials finds and determines, after review of all pertinent information provided by the Board staff, it accepts the recommendation that it is necessary and in the best interest of Area 2 to authorize the inclusion of Goodwill Industries of Akron, a not-for-profit corporation employment preparation agency; Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board, a governmental agency focused on empowering persons with disabilities in the workplace; Volunteers of America: Ohio and Indiana, a not-for-profit organization recipient of the United States Department of Labor Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program grant; Portage Lakes Career Center; Jobs for Ohio's Graduates, a not-for-profit serving youth education and employment needs; Ohio Guidestone, a subrecipient of United States Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration funding, as Additional Partners to the Ohio Local Workforce Area 2 ("Area 2") MOU for State Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 and further recommended their presence at the American Job Center located in either/or both Summit or Medina Counties' known in Ohio as OhioMeansJobs ("OMJ") Centers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the SAMWA COG that:

SECTION 1

The Goodwill Industries of Akron, Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board, Volunteers of America: Ohio and Indiana, Portage Lakes Career Center, Jobs for Ohio's Graduates, and Ohio Guidestone, is hereby authorized to serve as an Additional Partner to Ohio Local Workforce Area 2's Memorandum of Understanding for State Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, and is further authorized to provide services, consistent with WIOA Section 121(b)(2)(B), at the American Job Center in Summit and/or Medina County, known in Ohio as OhioMeansJobs Centers.

SECTION 2

This Directive shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Ayes: 11
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0

ADOPTED, this 12th day of June, 2025.



Summit County Executive



Medina County Commissioner