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Local Leader Named Chairman of National Council

Cincinnati, Ohio – Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) Executive Director Mark Policinski has been named chairman of the National Association of Regional Council's (NARC) Executive Directors Council.

“We are pleased to have a distinguished leader such as Mark serving NARC in this capacity,” said NARC President and Mayor of National City, CA Ron Morrison. “His years of involvement in NARC, his professional experience and his unwavering commitment to building consensus will be a much valued asset to this organization.”

As chairman, Policinski will lead the Council in formulating policies and implementation strategies on a variety of issues for NARC's Board of Directors. Policinski is also a member of NARC's Board of Directors and his work will center on transportation and its funding, homeland security and regional planning.

“Mark has been a national leader on so many issues, it is only fitting that he has been selected by his peers from across the nation to the chairmanship,” said NARC Executive Director Fred Abousleman. “His understanding of major issues and his passion for action will serve our organization and our country very well.”

NARC serves as the national voice for regionalism by advocating for regional cooperation as the most effective way to address a variety of community planning and development opportunities and issues. NARC's member organizations are composed of multiple local governments that work together to serve American communities – large and small, urban and rural. For additional information, please visit www.NARC.org.

“I am honored to lead my fellow directors as we take on the immense issues that affect every region of this country,” said Policinski. “At a time of rising demands and smaller resources, innovative solutions must be the norm. As regional leaders, our solutions will have a direct impact on almost every citizen of this country.”

OKI is a council of local governments, business organizations and community groups committed to developing collaborative strategies, plans and programs to improve the quality of life and economic development potential of the Tri-State.

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