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Commissioner John R. Hamercheck is Awarded the Walter F. Ehrnfelt, Jr. Award from NOACA

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, October 20, 2023– At the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency’s (NOACA) 2023 Annual Meeting & Luncheon held on October 20, 2023, Commission President John R. Hamercheck was awarded the 21st Walter F. Ehrnfelt, Jr. Award.

NOACA launched the Walter F. Ehrnfelt, Jr. Award for Outstanding Regional Contribution in 2004 to recognize an individual who has contributed significantly toward the betterment of the region by exhibiting outstanding leadership skills and accomplishments.

“I am honored to have received this years Walter F. Ehrnfelt, Jr. Award from NOACA and to be in great company with previous recipients including Steve LaTourette, George Voinovich, Armond Budish, James R. Gills, Daniel P. Troy, and many more,” said Commission President John R. Hamercheck.

Ehrnfelt Award recipients are chosen through voluntary nominations submitted by colleagues, peers, and community leaders. A subset of these individuals then reviews the nominations and applies a prescribed point system to identify the awardee.

“Commissioner Hamercheck is not only a colleague, but someone I consider a mentor. He is a servant leader and a testament to individual growth and development in the public sector,” said Grace Gallucci, Executive Director and CEO of NOACA. “John is well-respected throughout the region as a person of substance, and this award only serves to back that up.”

The nominators described Commissioner Hamercheck as “unflinching in his ongoing dedication to foster cooperation and cohesion in all aspects of regional concern,” and “As a Lake County Commissioner, he has consistently showcased exemplary leadership traits, embodying a tireless work ethic, an unwavering dedication to transparency, and an innate ability to unite people for the greater good.”

“No one can deny that Commissioner Hamercheck embodies the values of NOACA and is its strongest advocate,” said Commissioner John Plecnik.

Commissioner Richard J. Regovich added, “This is a great honor to acknowledge the hard work and dedication Commissioner Hamercheck has put into serving as the President of NOACA for 2 years. This has greatly benefited Lake County and its residents.”



Commissioner Hamercheck and his wife, Susan, at the NOACA 2023 Annual Meeting and Luncheon.

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