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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Greater Akron Chamber Opposes the Recall Issue in the City of Akron

The Board of Directors of the Greater Akron Chamber, on Thursday, May 28, 2009, passed a resolution of opposition to the current issue of recall facing the City of Akron.

On Tuesday, June 23, 2009, a special election will be held in the City of Akron to decide if the Mayor of Akron should be recalled.

The City of Akron has been a leader in the region, state and country in economic development activities and initiatives. This recall threatens our community's ability to continue to be a leader and will create a negative image domestically and internationally that Akron is not a great place in which to do business or to live.

In reviewing the issue, the Greater Akron Chamber's Board of Directors agreed that this is not an appropriate use of the City's recall statute. There have been no criminal actions or malfeasance in office, and the special election will cost approximately \$175,000 to conduct. A major consideration of the Board's decision was the conservation of resources on matters that could be addressed during the normal election process.

Attached is a copy of the resolution for review. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Guzy Woodford, Senior Vice President, at (330) 237-1227 or guzy@greaterakronchamber.org.

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**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE
RECALL IN THE CITY OF AKRON**

WHEREAS, the Greater Akron Chamber represents over 1,500 members that include business, non-profit and educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Greater Akron Chamber is to drive economic development and prosperity for the people of the Greater Akron Region; and

WHEREAS, the issue of recall in the City of Akron is seeking to remove the current Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the issue of recall could cost an estimated \$525,000 to the residents of Akron if fully executed, which would burden the city's finances during challenging economic times; and

WHEREAS, the democratic process of an election for the office was conducted approximately seventeen months ago; and

WHEREAS, no criminal or malfeasance has occurred that would warrant any recall process; and

WHEREAS, the greater Akron community should focus attention on job creation, economic growth and collaboration, and the recall of the community leader would stifle such efforts and prolong the advancement of the community; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 28th day of May, 2009, that the Board of Directors of the Greater Akron Chamber opposes the 2009 Recall in the City of Akron and recommends the members of the Greater Akron Chamber reject the recall which is the subject thereof.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas J. Strauss".

Thomas J. Strauss, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel C. Colantone".

Daniel C. Colantone, President & CEO