

**CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Finance Committee**

September 18, 2018

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SETTLE  
CLAIMS AND LITIGATION UP TO THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000**

WHEREAS, From time to time, claims and lawsuits, including administrative claims, are filed or lodged against the Cleveland Public Library and its officers and employees; and

WHEREAS, In some cases it is in the best interests of the Library to settle a lawsuit or claim for a small or modest monetary sum rather than incur the costs of litigation and subject the Library to the possibility of a large judgment for damages; and

WHEREAS, Certain courts and administrative agencies require that the Library have full settlement authority at mediations, arbitrations, and pretrials when settlement negotiations are likely to take place; and

WHEREAS, Because the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library only meets regularly once a month it is not always possible to obtain Board authorization prior to a settlement negotiation; and

WHEREAS, Therefore, this Board desires to grant the Executive Director standing authority to settle claims and litigation up to an amount not-to exceed \$40,000; now therefore be it

RESOLVED That the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library hereby grants the Executive Director, CEO, the authority to settle any claim or lawsuit, including any administrative claim, presented to or filed against the Library, its officers and/or employees, provided the settlement does not exceed Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000), and further provided sufficient monies are available for the payment of the settlement amount. Said settlement must be approved by the Chief Legal Officer, who will notify the Board of Trustees as soon as possible after a settlement is reached.