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**National Association of Regional Councils elects
MORPC Executive Director William Murdock
Chair of the Executive Directors Council**

(Columbus – June 20, 2017) William Murdock, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) Executive Director, was elected chairman of The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Executive Directors Council and vice president of NARC for 2017-2018. For over 50 years, NARC has served as a national voice for a regional approach to meeting local challenges. NARC members work collaboratively in their communities – large and small, urban and rural – to address the needs of their citizens and promote a regional approach to planning for the future.

The Executive Directors Council (EDC), an advisory body to NARC, is comprised of executive directors from regional planning organizations across the country. The EDC advises on the changing dynamics in federal, state and local government relations and legislation, and the many challenges - social, economic, workforce, transportation, emergency preparedness, environmental and others local governments face.

"I'm honored to lead the NARC Executive Directors Council for the next year," states William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director. "Just as Central Ohio benefits from local governments coming together at MORPC to collaborate and plan for our region's future, NARC represents regional councils from across the country who come together to advocate for better tools and resources, share best practices, and develop new ways to improve our economy, environment, and quality of life. Working closely with regional leaders and the expert resources at NARC helps improve the work of our MORPC team in Central Ohio."

NARC members are a dedicated group of local elected officials and professionals who work with community leaders and citizens to build local capacity; develop and implement strategic investment plans; foster regional cooperation and economic competitiveness; forge public and private partnerships; and secure and manage funds from local, state, federal, and private sources.

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The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is a voluntary association of local governments and regional organizations, which envisions and embraces innovative directions in economic prosperity, energy, the environment, housing, land use, and transportation. Our transformative programming, services and innovative public policy are designed to promote and support the vitality and growth in the region.

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