

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

New Business

December 18, 2008

**RESOLUTION INDICATING THE SELECTION OF
THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

- WHEREAS, The Board of the Cleveland Public Library has been engaged in a search for the successor to Director Andrew Venable, Jr., since his retirement in June, 2008;
- WHEREAS, A comprehensive national search for candidates resulted in finalists who were of excellent caliber and who all valued the reputation and prowess of the staff of the Cleveland Public Library;
- WHEREAS, The Board engaged in intensive interview and review of the finalists and met to vigorously debate and consider who was best for the Cleveland Public Library, for what was a difficult decision among candidates, who each presented different strengths and opportunities; and
- WHEREAS, Based upon all the foregoing, the Board unanimously selected Felton Thomas as its choice for the next Director of the Cleveland Public Library, while commending the staff and interim Director Holly Carroll for all they have done to make this transition work so far and for all that they will do to complete the transition; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That Cleveland Public Library selects Felton Thomas to be the next Director of the Cleveland Public Library; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Board hereby authorizes its President to work with legal counsel to finalize a contract to employ Mr. Thomas as the next Director of the Cleveland Public Library.