RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EXPANSION OF THE PIEDMONT TRIAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

WHEREAS, the Piedmont Triad International Airport ("PTI") is located at the center of the Piedmont Triad Region and serves all of the communities within the region, including the City of Greensboro;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the vital role played by PTI in the economy of the City of Greensboro, the North Carolina General Assembly has authorized the City of Greensboro to appoint one of the members of the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority, which owns and operates PTI;

WHEREAS, in addition to serving the aviation needs of this community, PTI has also provided sites with airfield access for aviation and aerospace companies to construct and operate their facilities:

WHEREAS, the Airport Authority has already developed a cluster of aviation and aerospace facilities at PTI, which provide high-paying jobs and career opportunities for several thousand, including aerospace engineers, designers, aircraft mechanics and other skilled personnel;

WHEREAS, the Airport Authority's Master Plan calls for the increased development of such facilities using PTI's existing airfield infrastructure and new infrastructure that the Airport Authority is currently putting into place at PTI;

WHEREAS, PTI's on-going development will yield a high rate of return by encouraging the expansion of existing facilities and the attraction of new companies to PTI, which will enable PTI to become a major center for the aviation and aerospace industry, a growing source of well-paying jobs and badly-needed employment, and a catalyst for economic growth throughout the Piedmont Triad.

NOW THEREFORE THE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That it recognizes the role of PTI not only as this region's primary airport but as a source of economic growth for the entire area.

Further resolved that the City of Greensboro expresses its support for the development of new airfield infrastructure and aviation sites at PTI, and it encourages other jurisdictions to support that development for the common benefit and future growth of the entire Piedmont Triad Region.