

## **US 70 Corridor Commission**

## RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR DESIGNATING U.S. 70 CORRIDOR IN WAYNE, LENOIR & CRAVEN COUNTIES AS AN AEROSPACE CORRIDOR

WHEREAS, U.S. 70 Corridor Commission of North Carolina, Inc. was established as a non-profit entity representing Eastern North Carolina by partnering with member Counties Johnston, Wayne, Lenoir, Craven and Carteret and local, regional and State government agencies to support initiatives enhancing safety, mobility and economic utility along the Highway 70 Corridor through land use planning, transportation improvements and economic development strategies; and

WHEREAS, the central focus and basic premise of the U.S. 70 Corridor Commission membership is to promote U.S. 70 as a freeway corridor with potential for Interstate Designation from I-40 in Wake County to the port at Morehead primarily for the purpose of promoting and improving economic opportunities for North Carolina's Eastern Region; and

WHEREAS, the Counties of Wayne, Lenoir and Craven Counties have a long history of involvement in aerospace and aviation. With assets like the North Carolina Global Transpark, the military installations and many companies that support public and private operations, this region of N.C. can provide a high level of aerospace activity; and

WHEREAS, designating U.S. 70 Corridor in Wayne, Lenoir and Craven Counties as an Aerospace Corridor will increase visibility from companies and site selection firms seeking locations for aerospace and aerospace – related activities; and

WHEREAS, the designation as an Aerospace Corridor will support economic development and enhance opportunities for high paying jobs in the region; and

WHEREAS, the designation as an Aerospace Corridor will provide unique marketing opportunities for the region; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the U.S. 70 Corridor Commission of N.C. Inc., a long-time proponent of economic benefits to revitalize Eastern N.C. endorses the designating of U.S. 70 through Wayne, Lenoir and Craven Counties as an Aerospace Corridor to support and enhance the long-term prosperity of the Eastern Region and The State of NC.

ADOPTED this the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2017.

Honorable Tom Mark, Chairman

U.S. 70 Corridor Commission of N.C., Inc.

M. Durwood Stephenson, Director

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