

RESOLUTION NO. 22-R-37

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
TALLAHASSEE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AS A FOREIGN TRADE ZONE**

WHEREAS, the CITY OF TALLAHASSEE (“City”) fully supports the TALLAHASSEE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (“Airport”) as a public entity establishing and applying as a Grantee of a new Foreign Trade Zone (“FTZ” or “Zone”) Project under the laws of the 2022 Florida Statutes, Chapter 288, Part III, including Section 288.36, Florida Statutes, and in compliance with FTZ Board Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Airport reviewed the existing Zones within the region and determined that Leon County was not being served by any of the existing Zones. This leaves a service area gap existing which negatively impacts cities located within Leon County from realizing economic benefits afforded by a Zone and an inability to serve the Convenience of Commerce within Leon County and the surrounding counties of Taylor, Gadsden, Gulf, Wakulla, Jefferson, Franklin, Madison, and Liberty; and

WHEREAS, the City is aware that during a preliminary demand study, the Airport received overwhelming positive support from the communities and economic development entities within the designated service area of the proposed new Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Advisory Committee fully supports the Airport seeking the establishment of a new FTZ designation, whose grant of authority and administrative duties will be conducted by the Airport; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission fully supports the Airport’s undertaking to create an international air cargo facility at the Airport and develop a new FTZ for the Tallahassee region that will most effectively serve the Convenience of Commerce within Leon County, and surrounding areas; and

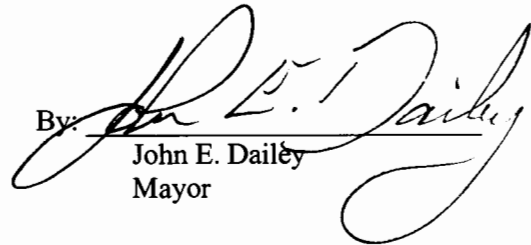
WHEREAS, the Airport meets all the Federal and State requirements to establish, operate, and maintain an FTZ in the State of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Commission of the City of Tallahassee of the following:

1. The City Commission fully supports the establishment of a new Foreign Trade Zone Project, whose grant of authority and administrative duties will be conducted by the Airport as this new Foreign Trade Zone will bring positive economic impact and opportunities to the City and the region.
2. The Director of Aviation is hereby authorized to execute all documents required to establish, maintain, and expand the Foreign Trade Zone as required under Federal and State law.

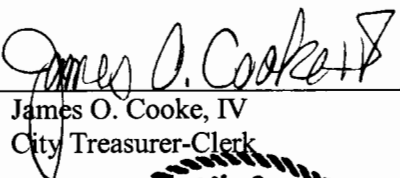
ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Tallahassee this 26th day of October, 2022.

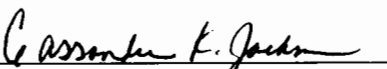
CITY OF TALLAHASSEE

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