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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 01-28-25-01
RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
SUPPORTING COMMERCIAL AIR SERVICE AT JAMESTOWN AIRPORT**

JANUARY 28, 2025

I, Gary Henry, Chairman of the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency, a public benefit corporation (“CCIDA”) hereby certify that at a meeting of the Members of the CCIDA duly called and held a meeting at the CCIDA Board Room, 201 West Third Street, Jamestown, County of Chautauqua New York, at 10:30 a.m. on the 28th day of January, 2025 at which a quorum was present, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport is designated as a national air transportation facility within the U.S. National Plan for Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, terminated an Essential Air Service Contract with Southern Airways Express thereby ending commercial air service to the Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport effective January 15, 2018, pursuant to Order No. 2017-12-2 dated December 29, 2017; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 153-19, the Chautauqua County Legislature authorized the expenditure of \$72,000 per year for up to three years in direct financial underwriting and \$52,000 per year for in-kind services to partially fund operation of commercial air service under a proposed Essential Air Service Contract; and

WHEREAS, in September 2019, Chautauqua County and Boutique Air, Inc. submitted a joint proposal seeking to re-establish commercial air service between Jamestown and Pittsburgh International Airport and Baltimore-Washington International Airport; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Transportation, by USDOT Order DOT-OST-2003-14950 dated December 31, 2020 denied the joint Chautauqua County and Boutique Air, Inc. proposal noting a lack of market research to support the business case offered in the proposal; and



WHEREAS, a solicitation of costs associated with conducting an independent air service development study/market analysis was undertaken by the County, and it was determined that \$75,000 will be sufficient to pay the costs of such an analysis; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Commission has considered and recommended that the County undertake an independent analysis of the economic/market viability for commercial air service at the County’s Jamestown Airport; and

WHEREAS, the CCIDA understands the vital role the Jamestown Airport, and specifically returning commercial air service to the region plays, in economic development. At the same time, the CCIDA plays a key role in representing interests of the business community who have expressed a strong desire to have essential air service return to the County; and

WHEREAS, in early 2023, the CCIDA committed \$25,000 of discretionary funding and the County committed \$50,000 of ARPA funding toward the commissioning of a \$75,000 Market Analysis to determine the market/economic conditions that would or would not support the reinstatement of air service to the Jamestown Airport; and

WHEREAS, the County contracted with Passero to undertake the aforementioned analysis, entitled *JHW Air Service Recovery Program*, and concluded in late 2025 that the regional market in and around Jamestown would support the reinstatement of air service; and

WHEREAS, the contemplated action is a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Administrative Director, Chief Financial Officer, Chairman, or any officer of CCIDA be and hereby is authorized to provide a letter of support and any other documents necessary to effectuate the foregoing resolution, and that such actions be and hereby are ratified in all respects in connection with their support for returning commercial air service to the Jamestown Airport.

By _____
Authorized Representative

Date _____