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WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS AEROTROPOLIS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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April 2, 2009 – Ann Arbor, Michigan At their April 1st meeting, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt an intergovernmental agreement creating the Aerotropolis Development Corporation (ADC) through the Urban Cooperation Act (P.A. 7 of 1967).

The creation of an ADC reflects the first formal step to institutionalize the development of the Aerotropolis - the proposed airport city encompassing approximately 60,000 acres of land in Wayne and Washtenaw Counties. The airport city concept involves the clustering of air-commerce linked businesses adjacent to, and surrounding, the airports.

According to the accompanying document to the approved resolution, the new corporation supports efforts of the member governments to “work as partners to attract business to the region, to create jobs, to master plan the Aerotropolis region, and to work cooperatively, not competitively, to build a better future for the region and the State of Michigan.”

“The Aerotropolis an exciting initiative that calls on us to remember that, while we need to find our way during this downturn, we have to build for the future of our community,” said Rolland Sizemore, Jr., Chair of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners.

A broad ranging effort, the Detroit Region Aerotropolis is being implemented by Detroit Renaissance, Wayne County, Washtenaw County, The Wayne County Airport Authority, leading business executives in Michigan, and seven local communities surrounding Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports.

“We must never underestimate the power of a vision. The economic opportunity of the Aerotropolis is vast. With continued success, it will be a catalyst for significant new investment throughout the region and the state of Michigan. And creating the Aerotropolis Development Corporation is the necessary concrete step to making this visionary collaboration a reality,” said Washtenaw County Administrator Bob Guenzel.

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