



TOWN OF APEX TOWN COUNCIL
Resolution in Support of Federal Funding to Replace the
Primary Runway at Raleigh-Durham International
Airport (RDU)

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex is a rapidly growing municipality in the rapidly growing Research Triangle region of the rapidly growing State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Residents of Apex heavily rely on Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) for personal and business travel across the United States and to international destinations; and

WHEREAS, RDU is a critical driver of job creation, prosperity and quality of life in Apex and throughout the Research Triangle region generating an estimated \$15 billion economic impact annually; and

WHEREAS, RDU is a medium hub airport that keeps only a fraction of the entitlement funding it generates; and

WHEREAS, RDU's primary commercial runway is nearing its end-of-life due to pavement deterioration; and

WHEREAS, RDU needs additional federal grant funding to help pay for the \$366 million project to keep the runway in operation and allow for a terminal gate expansion as part of RDU's 25-year master plan; and

WHEREAS, without federal grant funding RDU will exhaust its cash reserves and max out its bonding capacity, impacting its ability to finance the terminal gate expansion and other projects that will support the Research Triangle region's growth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Town Council of the Town of Apex strongly supports the request from RDU for \$275 million in federal funding to replace its primary commercial service runway; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution are sent to DOT Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Senators Thom Tillis and Richard Burr, and Representative Deborah Ross in an effort to show support for this urgent funding opportunity with significant potential benefit to the residents of Apex and the Research Triangle region.

ADOPTED, this the 26th day of July 2022.

Attest:

Jacques K. Gilbert
Mayor

Allen Coleman, CMC, NCCCC
Town Clerk