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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUED
LANSING TO CHICAGO
AIR PASSENGER SERVICE

WHEREAS, Clinton County is serviced by the Capital City Airport for commercial air services; and

WHEREAS, over the past ten years, over \$1,354,950,000 in private sector industrial development has relocated to the greater Lansing region, while creating over 3,269 new jobs; and

WHEREAS, Clinton County continues to be impacted by this growth which expands air services requirements for its corporate and private citizens needs; and

WHEREAS, the region's strong economic posture, including recent locational decisions by General Motors to construct a new manufacturing plant, along with the potential siting of a second new General Motors plant, and the associated expansion due to suppliers and support facilities, coupled with an already strong employment growth, an expanding tourist and convention trade, and numerous other competitive market advantages, are all healthy indicators of an expanding market for air passenger services; and

WHEREAS, American Eagle Airlines' five regular daily flights from Capital City Airport to Chicago reportedly have a load factor of ninety percent, one of the highest load factors in the American Eagle systems; and

WHEREAS, the recently announced decision by American Eagle Airlines to discontinue service between Lansing and Chicago will have an adverse impact on air passenger transportation services for the Tri-County region; and

WHEREAS, loss of this connecting service to Chicago may also have an adverse effect on the region's ability to attract and encourage tourism and convention business, resulting in additional adverse impacts on the region's economy; and

WHEREAS, said decision to discontinue this service will create inconvenience and elimination of travel and mobility options to the citizens of the region and have a negative impact on the public welfare,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners stands united with other community leaders in their efforts to encourage and obtain reconsideration of this decision by American Eagle Airlines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, American Eagle Airlines, the Capital Region Airport Authority, area Legislators and Congressional Representatives.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF CLINTON

I, DIANE ZUKER, Clerk of the County of Clinton, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held May 30, 2000 and is on file in the records of this office.

Diane Zuker, County Clerk