

RESOLUTION #2012/033

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR
SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL AIR SERVICE AT PAINE FIELD**

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe is fully committed to supporting general aviation at First Air Field in Monroe and believes commercial service at Paine Field would enhance the viability of general aviation in Monroe,

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe recognizes the significance of commercial aviation to Snohomish County and the region's future transportation needs and economic competitiveness, and

WHEREAS, the aerospace industry surrounding Paine Field is the largest concentration of aviation manufacturing in the world and the largest single industrial job center in Snohomish County and Washington State representing 35,000 to 40,000 jobs and \$2.5 billion in wages and salaries; and

WHEREAS, by 2020 the region's population is projected to increase to over 1.1 million persons with employment expected to swell to 426,000 workers; and

WHEREAS, Paine Field as a secondary regional airport alternative to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport would benefit Monroe residents and businesses through substantial time savings, and other reduced traveler and opportunity costs; and

WHEREAS, other key benefits of commercial air service will include new job generation and retention, attraction to the region of high technology and knowledge-based companies, expansion of the hospitality and tourism sectors in the local economy, and increased sales and property taxes; and

WHEREAS, Allegiant Air and Horizon Air have approached the County and expressed interest in offering commercial passenger flights from Paine Field to Las Vegas, and Portland, Ore. and Spokane, respectively; and

WHEREAS, demand generated by employment, population and income in the Paine Field market is, and will continue to be, more than sufficient to support commercial aviation service; and

WHEREAS, it is our commitment as elected officials to advance economic development, job generation and retention for the future viability of our community, and

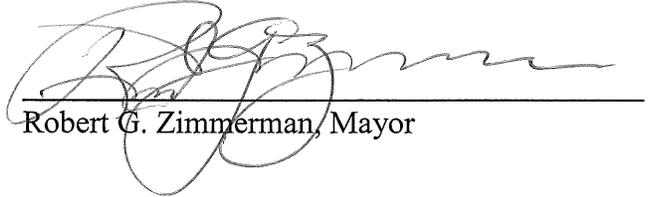
WHEREAS, commercial aviation at Paine Field will reaffirm and strengthen the region's longstanding position as the epicenter of commercial aerospace in the global marketplace, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND MONROE CITY
COUNCIL THAT:**

1. The City of Monroe supports the establishment of scheduled commercial air service at Paine Field, as it aligns with our community's long-term economic development goals to attract aerospace, technology, and other commercial/light industry that brings family-wage jobs to our community, and to the region.

2. The City of Monroe encourages Snohomish County and Snohomish County cities to enter into good faith negotiations to ensure that interested airlines pay their way to operate at Paine Field, and those impacts created due to commercial surface to surrounding communities are mitigated.

CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON:



Robert G. Zimmerman, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Eadye Martinson, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



J. Zachary Lell, City Attorney