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AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR CONTINUED AUTHORITY TO COLLECT A PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGE AT THE DANE COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT

As part of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act passed by Congress in 1991, the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) was authorized as a type of user fee to assist publicly owned airports in developing and maintaining safe, secure, and efficient facilities and operations without imposing charges on general funds generated by local taxpayers. As have virtually all commercial service airports throughout the nation, Dane County has been a longstanding participant in the PFC program, which has proven to be a vital revenue source in enabling the Dane County Regional Airport to maintain its leadership in safely and effectively serving Dane County and the surrounding region.

Unless a new PFC collection application is approved by the Federal Aviation Administration, Dane County's PFC collection authority will expire. Under the County's last PFC collection application, approved in 2001, a PFC of \$4.50 is paid by each passenger flying out of DCRA. The PFC rate remains unchanged under the new collection application. Continued PFC authorization will help pay for ongoing passenger terminal expansion and enhancement projects, and allow DCRA to continue its leadership role in providing safe and secure air travel for the benefit of our community and its economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Dane County Regional Airport, on behalf of Dane County, to submit to the Federal Aviation Administration an application requesting the authority to continue to collect Passenger Facility Charges from enplaning passengers.