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RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING OFFICIAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCORPORATE THE BATON ROUGE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE BATON ROUGE METROPOLITAN AIRPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT NO. 118 OF THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION AND ADOPTING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION TO FORM AND INCORPORATE SAID AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO THE ACT AT A PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR 4:00 P.M. ON AUGUST 27, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport (BTR or Airport) is owned by the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge (City-Parish) and operated through the Greater Baton Rouge Airport District (District).

WHEREAS, in 2024 the Board of Commissioners for the Greater Baton Rouge Airport District (Commission) and the Metropolitan Council (Council), on behalf of the District and City-Parish, formed an Airport Governance Advisory Committee with members of the Commission and the Council.

WHEREAS, the Airport Governance Advisory Committee performed a six-month review and assessment of the airport governing model, at the conclusion of which the committee formed recommendations on the airport governing model in favor of creating a new airport authority for the operation and management of the Airport.

WHEREAS, the Airport Commission on September 17, 2024 received the final report from the Airport Governance Advisory Committee and made a recommendation to the Metropolitan Council to adopt the recommendations and create an airport authority.

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council on October 9, 2024 received the final report from the Airport Commission, adopted the recommendations, and authorized action to be taken to move toward the creation of an airport authority model.

WHEREAS, the Airport Commission formed an Airport Governance Transition Steering Committee to help facilitate the creation of the authority and to work with management on drafting governing documentation concerning its creation.

WHEREAS, the Airport Governance Transition Steering Committee oversaw the development of draft legislation with management to support the formation of an airport authority by the City-Parish and further coordinated those efforts with Senator Franklin Foil as the bill sponsor.

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council on May 14, 2025, expressed support for Senate Bill 176 of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session and urged legislators from East Baton Rouge Parish to vote in favor of the bill.

WHEREAS, State legislators unanimously passed Senate Bill 176 and such bill was signed into law on June 8, 2025, as Act No. 118 of the 2025 Regular Session, otherwise referred to as the Baton Rouge Regional Airport Authority Act, (the "Act").

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council conducted a Public Hearing on August 27, 2025, for the purpose of incorporating the Baton Rouge Regional Airport Authority and adopting the Articles of

Incorporation (a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference) to form said authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council hereby adopts this Resolution which shall serve as a Notice of Intent to form the Baton Rouge Regional Airport Authority, under the Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Metropolitan Council hereby incorporates the Baton Rouge Regional Airport Authority in accordance with the Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Metropolitan Council hereby adopts the Articles of the Incorporation, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference and authorizes the necessary individuals to execute said Articles of Incorporation.