

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 23-32

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director
DATE: May 25, 2023

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REAGAN NATIONAL AND WASHINGTON DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS AND IN OPPOSITION TO CHANGES TO THE PERIMETER RULES SERVING THE AIRPORTS

WHEREAS, Northern Virginia and the greater Washington Metropolitan Area are well served by Reagan National Airport and Washington Dulles International Airport as operated by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA); and

WHEREAS, MWAA according to a study conducted by IHS Markit has a \$14.4 billion contribution to the region's GDP and generates \$1.1 billion in state and local taxes; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 MWAA spent over \$950.6 million on its operational expenses and capital projects of which \$767.9 million went to businesses located in the region; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been recently introduced in the U.S. Congress which would change the perimeter rule at Reagan National Airport which if enacted threatens the economic vitality of the airports; and

WHEREAS, perimeter exemptions enable airlines to shift long-distance flights from Dulles (IAD), or other airports, to Reagan National and as such adds to National Airport's overcrowded conditions and strains its limited facilities; and

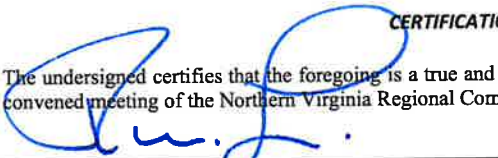
WHEREAS, when flights shift away from Dulles, it raises costs for Dulles Airport's airlines and passengers and upsets the operational and financial balance of the airport system, eroding the airports' contribution to the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, members of the Northern Virginia Congressional delegation and U.S. Senators have expressed their opposition to said proposed changes to the perimeter rule.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission opposes amendments to the perimeter rules as proposed in legislation that has been submitted to Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be distributed to members of the Northern Virginia General Assembly, members of the Northern Virginia Congressional delegation, U.S. Senators and other key stakeholders



CERTIFICATION
The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on May 25, 2023.


ROBERT W. LAZARO, JR., CERTIFYING OFFICER