

RESOLUTION NO. 04-09

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO STABILIZE FUNDING FOR THE
NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE AVIATION
DIVISION.**

WHEREAS, municipalities in New Mexico depend on Federal Aviation Administration funding for airport improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the amount of grants available to the municipalities also depends on the budget amount the State Aviation Division has to match as a percentage of the Federal monies; and

WHEREAS, with a stable source of income that could be counted on and budgeted for every year, the Aviation Division would be able to leverage more projects for the entire state; and

WHEREAS, gross receipts tax generated from aviation businesses alone could more than double the ability of the Aviation Division to leverage FAA grants from the current \$20 million per year to approximately \$40 million; and

WHEREAS, the increase in Federal projects for municipalities would generate jobs, gross receipts tax, improve airports, and promote economic development by attracting industry to municipalities with viable and well maintained airports; and

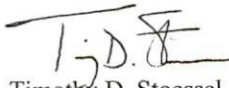
WHEREAS, other states in the FAA Southwest Region receive from 50% to 300% more in Federal Airport Improvement Grants than does New Mexico due to the amount of revenue the New Mexico Department of Transportation Aviation Division receives.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the governing body that City of Roswell strongly supports legislation to stabilize the New Mexico Department of Transportation State Aviation Division revenue to five (5) million dollars annually in order to obtain increased FAA funding for airport projects.

APPROVED this 12th day of February, 2004.


Bill B. Owen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Timothy D. Stoessel, City Clerk