

**RESOLUTION 18-70**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATION GENERATING THE ABILITY FOR THE CITY OF ROSWELL, NM TO CREATE A REGIONAL AIR CENTER SPECIAL ECONOMIC DISTRICT WITHIN THE ROSWELL INTERNATIONAL AIR CENTER**

**WHEREAS**, the Roswell International Air Center (RIAC) has great potential to positively impact the economy of Roswell and surrounding areas through high wage job creation and other economic activity; and

**WHEREAS**, private investment and long-term business relationships help ensure economic success at the RIAC; and

**WHEREAS**, the RIAC is economically important to southeastern New Mexico as evidenced by financial support of surrounding municipalities and counties to develop and sustain passenger air service to and from Roswell to both Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Roswell contracted for two RIAC studies, one in 1998 and the other in 2017, in which both studies indicated the City pursue forming an Airport Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Roswell inherently incurs capital expenditures in the maintenance and required improvements of the RIAC which, without private investment, is borne by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 2018 Regular Legislative Session, the New Mexico Legislature overwhelming approved HB 197 enacting a "Regional Air Center Special Economic District Act" in which an independent Airport Authority is designated; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of New Mexico vetoed HB 197, the RIAC Study Task Force appointed by the City has engaged legal counsel to address some of the issues raised in the Governor's veto;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO, that:**

The City of Roswell supports continued negotiations between the RIAC Study Task Force and the State of New Mexico to form a Regional Air Center Special Economic District.

**PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED and APPROVED** the 8th day of November, 2018.

  
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ATTEST:  
*Sharon Coll*  
Sharon Coll, City Clerk

  
Dennis Kintigh, Mayor