WHEREAS, Section 7.01 of the Cuyahoga County Charter states that “The County shall have as a primary responsibility the promotion and enhancement of the economic well-being and prosperity of the County and all of its residents;” and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County wishes to increase economic development opportunities and identify transportation, real estate, and community development plans in order to increase the marketability, attraction, and retention of businesses in the region in and around Cleveland Hopkins Airport and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Glenn Research Center; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Berea, Brook Park, Cleveland, Fairview Park, and North Olmsted, the Ohio Aerospace Institute, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Glenn Research Center also wish to increase economic development opportunities in the region; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County has joined a consortium, whose members include the entities named above, known as the Aerozone Alliance; and

WHEREAS, the County’s current Five Year Economic Development Plan and each of the prior plans identified place-based strategies as a primary feature of our approach to economic development and the County has identified workforce development as an important component of our economic development strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission identified the region surrounding Cleveland Hopkins Airport and the NASA Glenn Research Center as one of ten areas in the county that look especially attractive for application of a place-based economic development strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Department of Regional Collaboration has prioritized collaboration with other governments and community organizations as a primary strategy for effective government action; and

WHEREAS, collaboration with the Cuyahoga County Airport and Burke Lakefront Airport would further enhance the efforts of the Aerozone Alliance; and,
WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Department of Development has worked to support countywide business partnerships and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance recognizes that through collaboration, the economic development and job creation potential of each constituent community and the region as a whole can be advanced through the Alliance; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Alliance have expressed their intentions to work cooperatively and to sign a Statement of Cooperation for the Aerozone Alliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Executive, the officers of the Cuyahoga County Administration, and the Cuyahoga County Council support the County’s efforts to collaborate with members of the Aerozone Alliance for the purpose of promoting economic development, job creation, job retention, and workforce development within the Aerozone Alliance region.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operations of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Conwell, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Miller, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Hairston, Simon, Greenspan and Brady

Nays: None
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