STATE OF GEORGIA

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK

RESOLUTION 2016-26

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK A NONBINDING, ADVISORY REFERENDUM QUESTION REGARDING AIRPORT NOISE ISSUES TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the City of College Park, Georgia ("City") is the Mayor and Council thereof; and

WHEREAS, the City has a history of cooperation with the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") to address noise issues resulting from air traffic activity and patterns; and

WHEREAS, recent changes being implemented nationally by the FAA have caused the relocation and narrowing of flight paths, which have resulted in closer spacing between aircraft flying in said paths; and

WHEREAS, said changes have intensified airport noise originating from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport ("ATL"); and

WHEREAS, residents who live near said flight paths have been experiencing extended periods of background noise, punctuated by sharp increases in noise emanating from aircraft flying more frequently over their residences; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Legislature has passed House Bill 1002 to authorize the City to submit to its electors a nonbinding, advisory referendum question regarding the aforementioned airport noise issues ("Referendum Election"); and

WHEREAS, the City has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Clayton County Board of Elections and Registration ("BER") to conduct the Referendum Election for the precincts located in Clayton County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said intergovernmental agreement, the BER is responsible for, inter alia, the selection, appointment and training of election supervisors and poll workers; and

WHEREAS, the Referendum Election shall be held at the time of the general election on November 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the processes contained herein would benefit the health, safety, morals and welfare of the citizens of the City.

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Georgia, and by the authority thereof, that there is hereby authorized to be called and there is hereby called a Referendum Election, pursuant to House Bill 1002, to be held in all precincts in the City, on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the nonbinding advisory referendum question regarding airport noise issues, as more specifically stated hereinafter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ballot to be used in the Referendum Election shall have printed thereon the nonbinding advisory referendum question to be determined by the qualified electors, to wit:

> "Shall Congress direct the Federal Aviation Administration to promulgate new noise exposure regulations and authorize federal funding for new noise insulation for those residences measured to be significantly impacted by recent changes to the air traffic

control system, regardless of whether those residences were previously insulated for aircraft noise?"

The ballot shall have printed thereon the word "YES" and the word "NO" so that each elector may elect in either the affirmative or the negative as to the question propounded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the polls in each of the precincts within the City shall be opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m. on the day fixed for the Referendum Election, and the Referendum Election shall be held at the regular and established places for holding elections in the City. Notwithstanding any provision of this resolution, the Referendum Election shall be held in accordance and in conformity with the Constitution and the laws of the United States and of the State of Georgia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BER is hereby appointed as the Municipal Election Superintendent to conduct the Referendum Election for the precincts located in Clayton County, to receive from poll officers the returns of the Referendum Election, to canvass and compute such returns, and to certify as soon as practicable following the Referendum Election the results thereof to the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it shall be the Municipal Election Superintendent's duty to certify the results thereof to the Secretary of State and to each member of the General Assembly whose Senate or Representative district lies wholly or partially within the City.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

RESOLVED this 1st day of August, 2016.

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA

Jack P. Longino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Brooks, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steven Fincher, City Attorney