

RESOLUTION NUMBER ONE (1)

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED LEGISLATION IMPLEMENTING LARGE AIRCRAFT SECURITY PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the general aviation sector is essential to the continued economic development of Saline County, and;

WHEREAS, Saline County, Arkansas is home to numerous businesses, hospitals, and schools and whereas general aviation in Saline County is a vital component in accessing commerce, tourism, economic opportunity, disaster relief and a wide range of critical resources and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Saline County Airport Commission, Arkansas:

THAT the Saline County Airport Commission strongly supports efforts to enhance aviation security but has serious concerns regarding the Transportation Security Administration's proposed Large Aircraft Security Program (LASP), including the following:

- 1) The General Aviation community and key stakeholders, including state and local elected officials and others deserve an opportunity to improve the proposal through a negotiated rulemaking process.
- 2) Small aircraft routinely carry employees and their tools to job sites that do not have commercial service. The proposed LASP policy would prohibit common work tools from aircraft and airport security areas, effectively reducing the efficiency and utility of business aviation.
- 3) The proposal fails to take into account the significant differences in the nature of Non-Commercial General Aviation operations and Commercial Airline operations.
- 4) The burden of implementing and sustaining this new program as it is currently written would fall disproportionately and unfairly on small communities, airports and small businesses and would cost these communities jobs and cause them irreparable financial harm.

PASSED: April 28, 2009

APPROVED: Mark Westbrook, Chairman

ATTEST:
