

## **RESOLUTION NO. 4366-1575**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING THE CONTINUATION OF ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE FOR PRESCOTT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT BY GREAT LAKES AVIATION.**

#### **RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, the Essential Air Service (EAS) program was created by Congress to assure a minimum level of commercial air service to smaller communities served by certificated air carriers prior to the 1978 Airline Deregulation Act; and

WHEREAS, Great Lakes Aviation (Great Lakes) was one of two respondents to the recent Order Requesting Proposals (Docket #DOT-OST-1996-1899) issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes submission identified two (2) EAS options for the City of Prescott, Arizona (Prescott); and

WHEREAS, Prescott has a 12-year history of participating in the EAS Program, and wishes to continue such participation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Prescott wishes to indicate its support for and endorsement of the EAS application of Great Lakes, and to affirmatively request that Great Lakes provide air passenger service to Los Angeles from Prescott (as the subsidized route) on the basis of not less than two (2) roundtrips per day utilizing 30-passenger Embraer EMB 120 aircraft; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Prescott recognizes that the availability of commercial air service is vital to the future economic growth of the Prescott region, and is an important factor in investment decisions by prospective businesses; and

WHEREAS, independent research has verified the enhanced economic benefit that would accrue to the Prescott region by air service expansion for Prescott, especially to eastern hubs; and

WHEREAS, Prescott has benefitted from air service provided by Great Lakes in recent years, and wishes to formally convey its support for their proposal.

#### **ENACTMENTS:**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the City of Prescott hereby expresses its support for continuation of Essential Air Service from and to Prescott Municipal Airport.

Section 2. That Prescott endorses the proposal of Great Lakes Aviation to provide Essential Air Service for the City.

Section 3. That the City of Prescott requests that Great Lakes Aviation commit to provide Essential Air Service between Prescott and Los Angeles using Embraer EMB 120 aircraft, with not less than two daily nonstop flights.

Section 4. That Prescott hereby expresses its strong interest in sustaining air service additional to that provided under the EAS program, to other hubs such as Denver and Phoenix, to expand the air travel choices available to residents of the Prescott region.

Section 5. That the Mayor and staff are hereby authorized to sign this Resolution and any other necessary documents, and take any further action to effectuate the terms contained herein.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Prescott this 13th day of December, 2016.

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HARRY B. OBERG, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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DANA R. DeLONG  
City Clerk

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JON M. PALADINI  
City Attorney