

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF BALDWIN)

RESOLUTION # 2020-049

***OF THE
BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION***

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED AEROSPACE MANUFACTURING
GROWTH IN BALDWIN COUNTY.**

WHEREAS, the Aerospace manufacturing sector in the U.S. and Baldwin County, Alabama and the Mobile Region is creating significant employment opportunities, business growth, and manufacturing excellence, and is critical to the nation's military and economic security; and

WHEREAS, the expanding industrial operations of Airbus located at the Brookley Industrial Complex and the supplier location of Collins Aerospace with 1,200 employees in Baldwin County, Alabama contribute actively to aerospace manufacturing growth; and

WHEREAS, Airbus has been a member of our business community for more than 15 years with three major facilities and directly employs over 1,250 engineers and production technicians; and

WHEREAS, the \$600 million Airbus A320 U.S. manufacturing facility, which opened in 2015 now produces more than four aircraft per month and has delivered over 140 aircraft to U.S. airline customers to date; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Airbus broke ground on a \$300 million A220 U.S. manufacturing facility that will assemble the newest Airbus aircraft, the A220, for U.S. airline customers with deliveries beginning in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Airbus continues to expand its manufacturing employment footprint in the Mobile Region by hiring more than 520 production technicians in 2019, more than doubling the number of its employees in one year (with expected total employee growth of 236% between December 2019 and December 2020); and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of Airbus engineering, executive and manufacturing personnel reside in Baldwin County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed tariffs on imported aircraft components and assemblies from Europe places at risk this significant aerospace supplier, employment and residential growth in Baldwin County, Alabama; now therefore

BE IT BE RESOLVED BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, that the Baldwin County Commission does hereby fully support the continued manufacturing operations of Airbus at the Brookley Industrial Complex and urges the President of the United States and the United States Trade Representative to maintain the current trade policy of not applying tariffs on imported aerospace components and assemblies from Europe, and thereby ensure the continued growth of aerospace manufacturing in the Gulf Coast.

DONE, at the County Seat, in Bay Minette, Alabama, and under the Seal of Baldwin County, Alabama, as affixed on this the 7th day of January, 2020.

Billie Jo Underwood
Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood, Chairman

ATTEST:

Wayne Dyess
Wayne Dyess, County Administrator

