

CITY OF THIEF RIVER FALLS, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO.

COUNTY OF PENNINGTON, MINNESOTA
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A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CREATION OF AN AIRPORT AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES §360.0425 to §360.0427. WITH SAID AIRPORT AUTHORITY EMPOWERED AS A SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT TO ADOPT AND CERTIFY A PROPERTY TAX LEVY PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES §275.066, IN ADDITION TO OTHER STATUARY POWERS.

WHEREAS, The City of Thief River Falls, Minnesota (hereafter "City"), and the County of Pennington, Minnesota (hereafter "County"), desire to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement (hereafter "Agreement"), for the joint operation and maintenance of the Thief River Falls Regional Airport (hereafter "Airport"), and

WHEREAS, The City and County desire to jointly avail themselves of authorization under Minnesota Statutes §360.031 to §360.0427 to create an Airport Authority (hereafter "Airport Authority") with the power of an independent Special Taxing District with the authority under Minnesota Statutes §275.066 to levy property taxes for Airport purposes, and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minnesota Laws 2010, c. 389, §30, the Airport Authority shall exercise its levy authority through a levy on the referendum market value of the area, as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 126C.01, Subdivision 3, in lieu of a levy on the net tax capacity of the area, and

WHEREAS, The Authority shall have all other powers as allowed by Minnesota Statutes, but shall not exercise those powers regarding airport zoning, and

WHEREAS, County-wide tax levy authority, as well as potential multi-county tax levy authority, presents a fiscally responsible plan for furthering joint operation of the Airport and serving the interests of the public,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the County Board of Pennington County, Minnesota, and the City Council of the City of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, as follows:

1. AIRPORT AUTHORITY. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §360.0425 to §360.0427, and §471.59, the City and County hereby create an Airport Authority for the purposes of acquiring, establishing, constructing, maintaining, improving, and operating the Airport. Furthermore, from the date of this Joint Resolution forward, the Airport Authority shall hereafter be formally referred to as the “Thief River Falls Regional Airport Authority”, or hereinafter the “Airport Authority”.

1.1. Commissioners. The Airport Authority shall consist of five Commissioners as follows: Two Commissioners to be appointed by the City Council, both of whom shall be members of the City Council; two Commissioners to be appointed by the County Board, both of whom shall be members of the County Board; and one lay Commissioner who is a resident of either the City or the County shall be mutually appointed by the City Council and the County Board. The City Council and County Board shall give strong consideration to appointing an elected official as the lay Commissioner. The Commissioners shall each be appointed for three year terms, and shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. Terms shall be staggered so that the terms of approximately one-third of the Commissioners expire each calendar year.

