



RESOLUTION

14-104

A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE WICHITA MID-CONTINENT AIRPORT TO THE WICHITA DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER NATIONAL AIRPORT, AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Wichita Airport Authority is the owner and operator of the Airport which was originally dedicated as the Wichita Municipal Airport on March 31, 1954; and

WHEREAS, the Airport's name was changed to Wichita Mid-Continent Airport on June 11, 1973; and

WHEREAS, Dwight D. Eisenhower served nobly and admirably as both a five-star general in the U.S. Army and as Supreme Allied Commander during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Dwight D. Eisenhower was elected to two terms as President of the United States, and made reducing Cold War tensions through military negotiation, backed by military air superiority, a main focus of his administration; and

WHEREAS, Dwight D. Eisenhower's commitment to military air superiority resulted in the production of military aircraft in Wichita, Kansas for decades, causing our city to prosper and leading to the construction of a public airport on the west side of Wichita, where it remains today; and

WHEREAS, Dwight D. Eisenhower was instrumental in the creation of the United States Air Force Academy and signed legislation on April 1, 1954 which authorized the construction of the Academy; and

WHEREAS, Dwight D. Eisenhower supported the creation of the Interstate highway system which lead to economic growth in Wichita, Kansas and throughout the country and was also responsible for signing the bill that lead to the creation of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in 1958; and

WHEREAS, on August 23, 1958, President Eisenhower signed legislation authorizing the Federal Aviation Act which created the agency now known as the Federal Aviation Administration; and

WHEREAS, Dwight D. Eisenhower has a rich history of encouraging and supporting military and civilian aviation and aerospace activities, which are the foundation of our community as the Air Capital of the World; and

WHEREAS, there are no commercial service airports in the United States named in honor of Dwight D. Eisenhower; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wichita is home to the largest and busiest commercial service airport in the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Dwight D. Eisenhower considered Kansas his home state, reflected by the fact his library, museum and boyhood home are located in Abilene, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's significance to the Nation, the State of Kansas and the City of Wichita, the Wichita Airport Authority, on behalf of the citizens of Wichita, seeks to honor Dwight D. Eisenhower by renaming Wichita Mid-Continent Airport after him.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WICHITA AIRPORT AUTHORITY: The Wichita Airport Authority hereby adopts the name of "Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport" and authorizes all necessary actions in order to effectuate this name change. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage so that measures required to transition to the new name shall begin and be implemented such that the name shall be effective on or about the opening date of the new airline terminal at the Airport in the spring of 2015.

ADOPTED at Wichita, Kansas this 8th day of April, 2014.

WICHITA AIRPORT AUTHORITY

By: _____

Carl Brewer, President

ATTEST:

By: _____

Karen Sublett, City Clerk

By: _____

Victor D. White, Director of Airports

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____

Gary Rebenstorf, Director of Law