TOWN OF SUPERIOR RESOLUTION NO. R-16 SERIES 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 24-1235, A BILL "CONCERNING MEASURES TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF AVIATION ON SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES"

WHEREAS, local governments have an obligation to protect the health, safety, and welfare of their residents;

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency acknowledges that aircraft that use leaded aviation gasoline are a leading source of lead emissions in our air; and

WHEREAS, exposure to lead has many harmful health effects, which can include irreversible and life-long harmful health effects in children; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, no level of lead exposure is safe for children, and even low levels of lead in their blood are associated with developmental delays, learning difficulties, and behavioral issues; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 24-1235 creates a state income tax credit for owners of aircraft that incur qualified expenses to enable an aircraft that is powered by leaded aviation gasoline to be certified to instead be powered by unleaded aviation gasoline; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 24-1235 provides explicit authority in the existing state aviation grant program to fund grants to general aviation airports at which there is significant general aviation activity to fund the design, engineering, construction, installation, acquisition, and inspection of infrastructure, including equipment, that allows the sale of unleaded aviation gasoline at such airports and to subsidize purchases of unleaded aviation gasoline at such airports; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 24-1235 increases the Colorado aeronautical board from 7 to 9 voting members by requiring the appointment of 2 members who are residents of communities that are affected by general aviation airport traffic at which there is significant general aviation activity; and

WHEREAS, in appointing the 2 new voting members, House Bill 24-1235 requires the governor to give priority to individuals who are not trained pilots and who reside directly in the predominant flight path of a high-traffic general aviation airport in an area that has a population density of more than 3,000 individuals per square mile; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 24-1235 recognizes the need to monitor noise and implement steps to reduce and limit aircraft noise.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR, COLORADO, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Trustees SUPPORTS and strongly urges elected state legislators to vote YES on Senate Bill 24-1235.

ADOPTED this 11th day of March, 2024

Lacis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lydia Yecke, Town Clerk