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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING A REQUEST TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE'S BOARD OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO EXPAND FOREIGN TRADE ZONE NO. 241'S SERVICE BOUNDARY.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Commerce, through an act of Congress (19 U.S.C 81a-81U) encourages, supports and approves the establishment of Foreign-Trade Zones throughout the United States for the purpose of creating greater economic opportunities and employment to businesses and communities; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Foreign-Trade Zones Board (FTZB) has provided a grant of Authority for FTZ No. 241 at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Industry Association of South Florida has requested FTZ No. 241 to submit an application to expand its service area to better service the industry; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on January 26, 2017, the Aviation Advisory Board recommended City Commission approval of such action; and

WHEREAS, the project will aid in the implementation of the "*We Are Connected*" goal of the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision by specifically advancing the goal to be a well-positioned City within the global economic and tourism markets of the South Florida region, leveraging our airports, port, and rail connections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

<u>SECTION 1</u>. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida does hereby support the request to submit an application to the Foreign Trade Zones Board of the United States Department of Commerce to expand Foreign Trade Zone No. 241's service boundary.

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SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final passage.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of February, 2017.

Mayor JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:

City Clerk JEFFREY A. MODARELLI