RESOLUTION 94-19

TO URGE THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) TO REVISE ITS DECISION TO CLOSE THE CONTROL TOWER AT THE MONROE COUNTY AIRPORT

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has announced plans to close the Monroe County Airport traffic control tower within two years; and

WHEREAS, this action could significantly reduce the safety for flights in and out of the airport; and

WHEREAS, the airport is one of three commercial service airports that serve Indiana south of Indianapolis and a number of corporations, institutions and businesses in the region regularly use the airport for transporting personnel and goods; and

WHEREAS, many of these corporations, institutions and businesses would cease to use an airport they considered unsafe or would be prohibited by their insurance carrier or their operating certificate from using the airport and, in some cases, might feel forced to move some or all of their operations to other communities; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County is not currently served by a commuter airline and such an airline, which would be a great convenience for local travelers, would not be likely to serve an airport without the safety provided by a control tower; and

WHEREAS, the FAA has recently spent millions of taxpayer dollars to lengthen the airport runway and upgrade airport safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

The Common Council urges the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to take into consideration the extent of the social and economic losses that the decision to close the control tower at the Monroe County Airport would inflict on the City of Bloomington and surrounding communities, and to take a positive step toward maximizing its recent investment in the airport by continuing the operation of the traffic control tower.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 18 day of MAY, 1994.

Jim Sherman

JIM SHERMAN, President
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 19 day of May, 1994.

Tomilea Allison

TOMILEA ALLISON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

ATTEST:

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PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

Resolution sponsored by Pam Service urging the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to revise their decision to close the control tower at the Monroe County Airport.