

**WEST PLAINS AIRPORT AREA  
PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-08**

**Expressing Appreciation to Mr. Ben Stuckart, President of City of Spokane Council**

**A RESOLUTION** of the West Plains Airport Area Public Development Authority, expressing appreciation to Mr. Ben Stuckart, President of City of Spokane Council, for his service on the Board.

**WHEREAS**, Ben Stuckart served as a charter member of the West Plains Airport Area PDA and as Treasurer of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, during Ben Stuckart's leadership the PDA transformed from a vision to a proactive economic development engine in Spokane Region; and

**WHEREAS**, during Ben Stuckart's tenure several key public projects were initiated including the Medical Lake/I-90 Interchange, Geiger Blvd Improvements, Deer Heights Roundabout, and City of Spokane sewer expansion; and

**WHEREAS**, Ben Stuckart's leadership helped attract new development and over \$500 million in private investment to the West Plains including the Amazon Fulfillment Center, Kenworth Truck Sales, North 40 County Store, Sleep Inn, Marriot Springhill Suites, Selkirk Pharma, and several others; and

**WHEREAS**, Ben Stuckart supported two successful BUILD grant applications for the Geiger Boulevard Improvements and Transload Facility totaling more than \$26 million; and

**WHEREAS**, Ben Stuckart was instrumental in working with the Spokane City Council and Board of County Commissioners to pass a modified PDA Interlocal Agreement resulting in a true revenue sharing model; and

**WHEREAS**, under Ben Stuckart's leadership several key projects were initiated by the PDA including the West Plains Airport Area PDA Regional Stormwater Study and Wetland Mitigation Bank Projects; and

**WHEREAS**, during Ben Stuckart's tenure the PDA adopted a new logo and initiated a proactive marketing campaign to attract new advanced manufacturing and aerospace companies to the Spokane Region; and

**WHEREAS**, during Ben Stuckart's leadership new economic development tools were added to the PDA including an Opportunity Zone and Community Empowerment Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, Ben Stuckart has been a superb champion for the PDA and community leader, helping to generate jobs and economic vitality for Spokane, Spokane County and Eastern Washington:

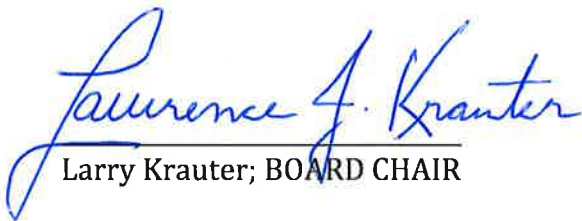
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**BE IT RESOLVED**, the West Plains Airport Area Public Development Authority by majority vote hereby expresses gratitude and recognizes Ben Stuckart's outstanding contributions throughout his years of service to the West Plains Airport Area PDA and our community.

**ADOPTED** by an affirmative majority vote of the Board of Directors of the West Plains Airport Area Public Development Authority on the 12 day of December, 2019.

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