

**WEST PLAINS AIRPORT AREA
PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02

**Expressing Appreciation to Mr. Gerry Gemmill, Chief Executive Officer
for Spokane County**

A RESOLUTION of the West Plains Airport Area Public Development Authority, expressing appreciation to Mr. Gerry Gemmill, Chief Executive Officer for Spokane County, for his service on the Board.

WHEREAS, Gerry Gemmill served as a charter member of the West Plains Airport Area PDA and as a Member of the Board; and

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

WHEREAS, during Gerry Gemmill'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, Gerry Gemmill's leadership helped attract new development and over \$750 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, McKinstry, Puget Sound Pipe, Douglass Heritage Park, MultiCare and several others; and

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

WHEREAS, Gerry Gemmill 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 Gerry Gemmill's leadership several key projects were initiated by the PDA including the West Plains Connection Project, West Plains Airport Area PDA Regional Stormwater Study and Wetland Mitigation Bank Projects; and

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

WHEREAS, during Gerry Gemmill's time on the Board, a first ever Air Cargo Warehouse Project in Spokane which included a Ground Lease with Spokane International Airport, a Lease with Amazon and funding by Wheatland Bank was executed; and

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WHEREAS, Gerry Gemmill 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:

BE IT RESOLVED, the West Plains Airport Area Public Development Authority by majority vote hereby expresses gratitude and recognizes Gerry Gemmill'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 8th day of April, 2021.


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