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June 9, 2017

Mr. Jack Brown Escambia County Administrator 221 Palafox Place Pensacola, FL 32502

Dear Mr. Brown:

The FloridaWest EDA Board of Directors would like the opportunity to address questions and concerns the BOCC may have concerning the work and mission of FloridaWest. Additionally, it is our desire to make every effort to move forward in the direction that is beneficial to both Escambia County businesses and our community as a whole.

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, we were asked to attend a Committee of the Whole meeting to present information to the BOCC. As you are aware, that presentation was amended which allowed for only a very brief discussion. We respectfully request the opportunity to continue our presentation and discussion at the earliest convenience of the Board of County Commissioners and prior to finalizing this year's budget.

Also, to better tailor our presentation to the Commission's specific needs, we respectfully request that each Commissioner offer their Economic Development priorities for Escambia County. Please provide the information to Scott Luth and/or directly to the Escambia County FloridaWest representatives. In respect for their time and to properly address their areas of interest, we respectfully ask to receive this information at least a week prior to our appearance before the Board.

As the sole economic development alliance entrusted with the mission to attract and retain business and grow jobs for Escambia County, FloridaWest will do everything in our power to ensure that we have answered all questions and concerns regarding our efforts and current program of work.

Additionally, we have enclosed a resolution for our Board endorsing the continued involvement of Escambia County Board of County Commissioners in supporting and funding Economic Development in our community through FloridaWest Economic Development Alliance.

Sincerely,

FloridaWest Board of Directors

Cc: BOCC Chairman Doug Underhill, District 2 Lumon May, District 3 Steven Barry, District 5 Jeff Bergosh, District 1 Grover Robinson, District 4

Dated:June 9, 2017	
Board of Directors FloridaWest Economic Develop	ment Alliance
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AT A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FLORIDA WEST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE HELD AT THE FLORIDAWEST BOARD ROOM ON JUNE 9, 2017.

RESOLUTION - ENDORSING THE CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN SUPPORTING AND FUNDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH FLORIDAWEST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of FloridaWest Economic Development Alliance, does hereby find as follows:

WHEREAS, the FloridaWest Economic Development Alliance is the sole economic development entity entrusted with the mission to attract and retain business and grow jobs for Escambia County;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of FloridaWest Economic Development Alliance to make every effort to move forward in the direction that is beneficial to both Escambia County businesses and our community as a whole;

WHEREAS, the FloridaWest Economic Development Alliance Board of Directors is fully committed to continuing to serve Escambia County in this role;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the FloridaWest Economic Development Alliance Board of Directors to assure the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners that we will do everything in our power to ensure that we have fully engaged any questions or concerns regarding our efforts and current program of work;

WHEREAS, we remain available to answer any inquiries necessary to fully inform our investors and stakeholders;

WHEREAS, the FloridaWest Economic Development Alliance Board of Directors considers economic development a shared partnership and responsibility of Escambia County pursuant to Section 125.045 of the Florida Statutes, the City of Pensacola pursuant to Section 166.021 of the Florida Statutes, and the business community at large; and

WHEREAS, the FloridaWest Economic Development Alliance Board of Directors is convinced that the commitment of the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners is vital to our continued success;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED BY the FloridaWest Economic Development Alliance Board of Directors that we endorse the continued involvement of the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners in funding and supporting economic development in our community through FloridaWest Economic Development Alliance.

Board of Directors FloridaWest Economic Development Alliance June 9, 2017

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