

Resolution No. 382-2025

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FOR ADOPTION

March 24, 2025

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Urging the United States federal government to relocate the headquarters of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to Cleveland, Ohio.

WHEREAS, because the lease to its current headquarters in Washington, D.C. expires in 2028, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is evaluating potential alternative locations; and

WHEREAS, this Council believes that Cleveland, Ohio, home of NASA Glenn Research Center, offers a uniquely advantageous location due to its rich aerospace heritage, lower operational costs and central role in the nation's technology and defense sectors; and

WHEREAS, along with NASA Glenn Research Center representing the heart of America's aerospace industry, Ohio also offers advanced technology, research and manufacturing at the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, and the Hub of Aerospace and Defense Innovation in Youngstown; and

WHEREAS, moving NASA headquarters to Cleveland, Ohio would: provide significantly lower cost of living and operational costs than Washington, D.C. resulting in substantial taxpayer savings; strategically align efforts to decentralize federal agencies; reinvigorate Ohio as the birthplace of aviation and the heart of America's aerospace industry; and optimize workforce and facility use by consolidating operations near an existing NASA field center; and

WHEREAS, this Council enthusiastically agrees with Ohio's Congressional delegation that relocating NASA's headquarters to Cleveland, Ohio will help ensure NASA's continued success and secure the future of aeronautics research in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council urges the United States federal government to relocate the headquarters of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to Cleveland, Ohio.

Section 2. That the Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution the President and Vice President of the United States, the Congressional delegation from Ohio, NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman, and Ohio Governor Mike DeWine.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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