

RESOLUTION NO. #R2021 – 8

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT ENDORSING
NEW MEXICO SENATE BILL 133
*RELATING TO SCHEDULED RURAL AIR SERVICE***

WHEREAS, scheduled rural air service has decreased significantly in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, investing state funds to subsidize scheduled rural air service will stimulate the New Mexico economy, improve connectivity between New Mexico communities and provide connections to destinations beyond New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gallup has recently decided to explore options to make improvements at the municipal airport and reestablish air service to and from Gallup; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gallup applied and received a national planning grant from the US Economic Development Administration to develop the Gallup Airport Feasibility Study; and

WHEREAS, other western states have established successful and sustainable subsidized scheduled rural air service programs: and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 133, the Rural Air Service Enhancement Act, as filed in the 2021 New Mexico Legislature will allow the City of Gallup to compete for state funds to establish new scheduled rural air service routes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GALLUP, NEW MEXICO, that the City of Gallup communicates its support for Senate Bill 133 to state legislators and the Governor

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED on this 2nd day of March, 2021.

CITY OF GALLUP:

Louie Bonaguidi, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alfred Abeita II, City Clerk