

RESOLUTION NO. 87-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF RIDGECREST SUPPORTING THE ENACTMENT  
OF A NEW AND REVISED ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE  
PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, scheduled airline service is the only form of public transportation to many small cities in rural America; and

WHEREAS, good air service is essential if the City of Ridgecrest is to retain existing businesses and jobs and attract new ones; and

WHEREAS, Congress in adopting the Airline Deregulation Act of 1978 recognized the need for adequate air service to small cities and isolated areas and enacted a 10 year guarantee of essential air service for small cities which might otherwise lose scheduled air service; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation has supported the premature termination of the 10 year program, and has meanwhile provided for such poor air service at small cities that traffic has declined sharply even though domestic airline traffic has been growing; and

WHEREAS, small cities are entitled to a fair chance to develop their true airline traffic potential as Congress intended in the Airline Deregulation Act; and

WHEREAS, such a fair chance can be provided at less long run cost to the government if a new program is enacted which (1) assures a level of airline service which will encourage air traffic; (2) assures good air service not only to and from a nearby hub city, but to and from other major airline destinations via connections at a hub city; and (3) allows a greater role for cities and states in designing and helping pay for their own air service;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest herewith expresses its support for the enactment of a new and revised essential air service program which will assure more adequate service and fuller traffic development at small cities and provide for a greater participation by local interests developing and carrying out such a program.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of April, 1987, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Mower, Councilmember Bergens, Corlett, and Wiknich.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Pearson.

  
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Michael R. Mower, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Joyce M. Taft, City Clerk