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BROWN COUNTY EXECUTIVE

October 9, 2012

Burt McIntyre, President  
1108 Coprinus Drive  
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Dear Burt,

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Brown County announced a community-wide initiative to secure a Federal Inspection Service (FIS) facility. The proposed new FIS would be a catalyst for local economic development, job creation, new business opportunities, and create the opportunity for commercial international flights; something of great interest to local residents and airlines alike.

The plan has been carefully developed and much of the infrastructure and initial groundwork needed for the project has already occurred. Now we need to have this project move forward and receive funding from the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP). This is exactly the kind of project the AIP is designed to fund but as you may know these types of grants are not just handed out. We must compete for the grant money.

That's why it's essential for you to show your support of funding for a FIS facility in Brown County by passing this resolution. See attachment titled FIS resolution.

Please also consider submitting an individual letter of support and sending it to Wisconsin's 8th District Congressman Reid Ribble. He has joined us in this effort and will use your letter to help make the case for funding. Attached is a sample letter for your use. You can send your letter(s) and adopted resolution to:

**Congressman Reid Ribble**  
**1513 Longworth House Office Building**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

**Or email at his website: [ribble.house.gov](http://ribble.house.gov)**

Please encourage others as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy Streckenbach", written over a horizontal line.

Troy Streckenbach  
County Executive

Enclosed: FIS Resolution  
Sample support letter

# **The Village of Howard, Wisconsin**

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE VILLAGE OF HOWARD, WISCONSIN

## **Resolution 2012-19**

### **“A Resolution in Support of a United States Customs and Border Protection Federal Inspection Station at Austin Straubel International Airport”**

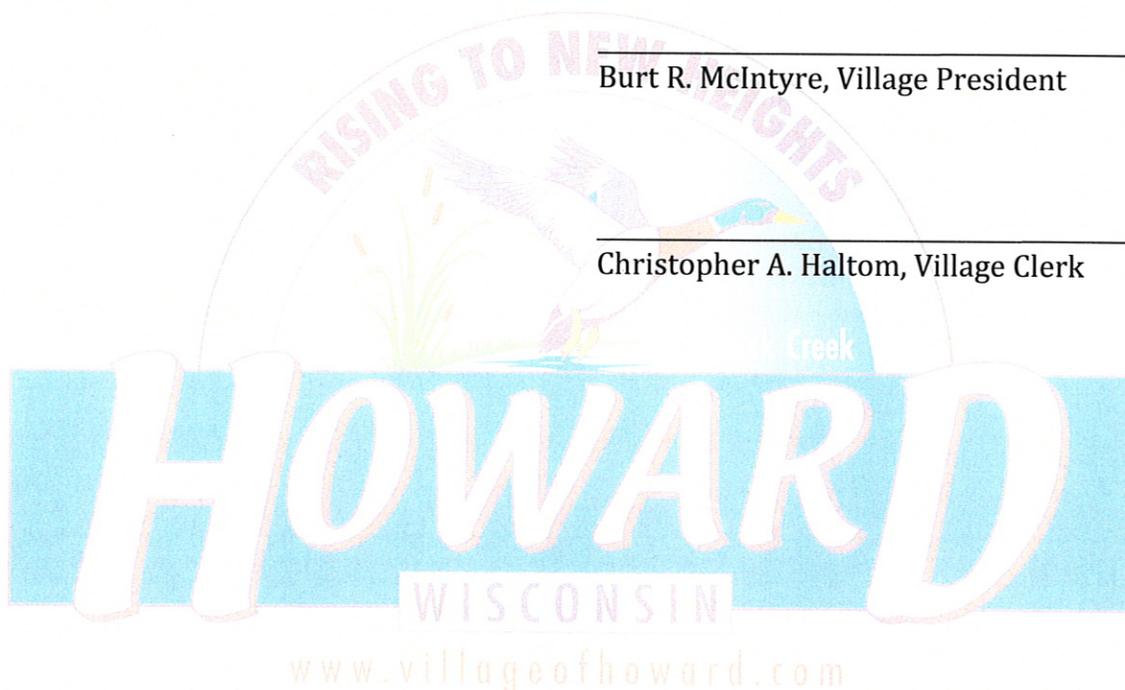
- WHEREAS**, Brown County owns and operates Austin Straubel International Airport, one of only two commercial airport Ports of Entry in Wisconsin; and
- WHEREAS**, the airport is a key economic driver in Northeastern Wisconsin, having a \$110-million annual impact on the economy; and
- WHEREAS**, nearly 88,000 passengers annually, travel by air to international destinations from the region; and
- WHEREAS**, U.S. Customs facilities and staff at Austin Straubel International Airport are inadequate to accommodate the clearance of commercial international inbound flights; and
- WHEREAS**, Brown County has already invested significant improvements to Austin Straubel International Airport to prepare for additional air service, including commercial international flight operations; and
- WHEREAS**, a new, full-service Federal Inspection Station with sufficient U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel, would allow for the clearance of commercial international flights arriving at Austin Straubel International Airport, and
- WHEREAS**, the U.S. Customs facility will stimulate the local economy by an estimated \$2.5-million annually, create jobs, and offer new business opportunities for the region; and
- WHEREAS**, business and community leaders have expressed support for the new U.S. Customs facility; and
- WHEREAS**, the Federal Aviation Administration’s Airport Improvement Program (AIP) was established to provide financing for airport projects such as the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Federal Inspection Station.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village of Howard Board of Trustees does hereby resolve our support for Airport Improvement Program funding of a new, full-service Federal Inspection Station staffed with an appropriate number of U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel to clear commercial international flights at the Brown County-Austin Straubel International Airport in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

**IN THE TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have here unto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal for the Village of Howard, Wisconsin, to be affixed.  
Done this 22nd day of October, 2012.

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Burt R. McIntyre, Village President

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Christopher A. Haltom, Village Clerk





Congressman Reid Ribble  
1513 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

October 19, 2012

**Subject: FIS for Austin Straubel International Airport**

Dear Congressman Ribble,

On behalf of the Village of Howard, I would greatly appreciate your careful consideration of, and support for, Austin Straubel International Airport's effort to bring a new, full-service Federal Inspection Station (FIS) to Brown County. This facility will be the catalyst for economic development and job creation as well as expanding tourism in Northeastern Wisconsin.

The plan has been carefully developed and much of the infrastructure and initial groundwork needed for the project have already occurred. Now we need to have this project move forward and receive funding from the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP). This is exactly the kind of project the AIP is designed to fund.

The success of Austin Straubel International Airport is critically important to the economic health and growth of our community, and that is why we support the establishment of an FIS at Austin Straubel.

Sincerely,

Burt R. McIntyre  
President  
Village of Howard, WI

cc: Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach