

**RESOLUTION CELEBRATING NISSAN'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR
OF AUTOMOTIVE EXCELLENCE IN MADISON COUNTY**

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2003, Nissan celebrated the Grand Opening of its world class automotive manufacturing plant located in Madison County at Canton, MS, where it announced the launch of production of its 2004 Nissan Quest minivan; and

WHEREAS, since that time, Nissan has invested in excess of \$2.06 billion dollars in its Canton plant, has provided jobs and significant employment opportunities and benefits to more than 5,000 employees, and boasts of an annual payroll in excess of \$200 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2011 Nissan produced its 2 millionth vehicle at said Canton plant, today having the capacity to annually produce 450,000 vehicles in 7 different vehicle models, which offers evidence of its industrial flexibility, its unparalleled potential and describes its dominant economic impact upon the region, currently, and into the future; and

WHEREAS, Nissan has made recent announcements regarding the expansion of its Canton plant in order to produce the company's top selling Murano SUV in 2014, which will constitute the first time this vehicle has ever been built in the United States; and

WHEREAS, since its opening a decade ago, Nissan has made over \$7 million dollars in contributions to local charities and organizations, providing over \$350,000 annually in philanthropic donations to groups and organizations which provide necessary services to the local community; and

WHEREAS, as of 2012, Nissan had paid more than \$2 million dollars in academic support to the Canton public schools, has provided robots and other high tech equipment to advanced technologies programs at various Mississippi schools and colleges and has demonstrated its capacity to help foster the development of engineers, scientists and other career professionals to assure the fulfillment of high wage, high-tech jobs of the future; and

WHEREAS, Nissan, impressively, has never laid off a single Nissan employee, at any of their United States' manufacturing plants, even during the Great Recession, and continues, in Madison County, to provide jobs with some of the highest manufacturing wages in the state, with excellent benefits, and a working and inclusive environment which exceeds industry standards; and

WHEREAS, Madison County desires to continue its position as an emerging hub for global manufacturing by attracting industry leaders such as Nissan which has been recognized by Nissan Motor Company, LTD, over the last ten years, for the excellent quality of its automotive manufacturing and for the high professionalism of its workforce.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, Mississippi commends, recognizes, and celebrates the 10th year anniversary of Nissan's

presence in Madison County, Mississippi; appreciates its good attitude of corporate partnership through which it has participated in activities which have improved the lives of countless numbers of our citizens; and offers its fervent and best wishes for the continued success of the Nissan Canton Plant over its next decade of operations, and well into its future years.

Mr. _____ did move and Mr. _____ did second a motion to adopt the above and foregoing Resolution. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor John Bell Crosby	Aye
Supervisor Ronny Lott	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and the above and foregoing Resolution was and is hereby adopted.

SO ORDERED this the 3rd day of June, 2013.

Gerald Steen, President
Madison County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Arthur Johnston
Chancery Clerk

