

**RESOLUTION WELCOMING JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY  
TO THE MADISON COUNTY COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors is dedicated to the goal of advancing educational and academic opportunities for all of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors has been informed that Jackson State University has made preparations to open a satellite facility in Madison County for the purpose of offering academic courses and providing advanced educational training; and

WHEREAS, it is appreciated that among the advanced academic courses Jackson State University will offer include courses leading to degrees in engineering, technical support and advanced computer sciences, which are necessary to achieve the desired skills inherent in a capable modern day workforce; and

WHEREAS, Madison County is the home venue of international automotive and other such world class companies and businesses whose commercial success depends on the supply and availability of such a trained, developed and technically proficient modern day workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors is proud of the historic record of Jackson State University and commends the university for its dedication to academic excellence and its assiduous pursuit of a more diverse enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors is particularly supportive of the decision made by Jackson State University regarding the location of its satellite facility, being within the area of Madison County, known as the "East Parkway PID"; and

WHEREAS, it is among the specific goals, as enumerated within the newly adopted Madison County Strategic Plan, to "develop the talent pool and workforce in the County, both emerging and existing, and to enable them to obtain education and training that matches the changing needs of the global workplace", and

WHEREAS, it is the certain belief of the Madison County Board of Supervisors that the presence of Jackson State University within the Madison County community will help to accomplish such purpose, as does the presence of all such accredited institutions of higher learning, and that further, it is the belief of the Board of Supervisors that JSU's concentrated academic offerings will serve to hasten the achievement of the workforce developmental goals of the Madison County Strategic Plan, and as such, are greatly to be desired.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Madison County Board of Supervisors extends a hearty "welcome" to Jackson State University, and pledges to the esteemed leadership of Jackson State University its full measure of support, partnership and cooperation as Jackson State University begins its important extension program of academic scholarship within the Madison County community.

RESOLVED, on this the 4th day of February, 2013

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By its President:

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Gerald Steen

Attested:

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Arthur Johnston, Chancery Clerk

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