



May 3, 2013

Dr. Carolyn Meyers, President Jackson State University 1400 John R. Lynch Street Administration Tower Jackson, MS 39217-0280

Dear Dr. Meyers:

The Board of Trustees of the Hinds County Economic Development Authority along with myself are excited about Jackson State University's plans to construct a new, multipurpose arena. Therefore, our board has unanimously voted to convey our support for such a development by presenting the enclosed resolution to your institution.

Jackson State University is an integral component of Hinds County's economy. Physical expansions such as the proposed arena along with expansions in the programs and enrollment of the university consistently serve as proof of your institution's outstanding role in our community.

Thank you for the progressive vision that you have for JSU. I avail my board, staff, and self to you in partnering to further the economic prosperity of Hinds County and Jackson State University.

Sincerely:

Blake Wallace Executive Director

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## A Resolution by the Board of Trustees, Hinds County Economic Development Authority, Hinds County, Mississippi In Support of Jackson State University In Their Planning For A Multi-Purpose Domed Arena

WHEREAS, Jackson State University is Mississippi's comprehensive urban university; and

**WHEREAS**, Jackson State University is an integral part of the economic vitality of Hinds County and represents a considerable part of downtown Jackson's economic base; and

WHEREAS, conceptual plans have been developed for the University's growth and advancement through the addition to the campus of an ultra-modern and proactively conceived multi-purpose domed arena that will enhance the quality of life for the University's students, faculty, and staff; as well as the citizens of Hinds County and the State of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, Jackson State University envisions that it will use the stadium 45 nights a year, and the facility will be used an additional 100 nights to showcase major concerts, events and championships which will positively impact the economy of the City of Jackson and Hinds County; and

**WHEREAS**, the stadium will seat 50,000 people, which will make this domed stadium the largest collegiate stadium in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hinds County Economic Development Authority Board of Trustees is interested in the positive future development of Jackson State University and the surrounding area.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hinds County Economic Development Authority Board of Trustees does hereby express its support of Jackson State University in the planning for a multi-purpose domed arena.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be included in the official minutes and records of the Hinds County Economic Development Board of Trustees and that a properly embossed copy be furnished to the President of Jackson State University.

SO RESOLVED AND ORDERED, this the 24th day of April, 2013.



President, Board of Trustees

Hinds County Economic Development Authority