

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CAMPAIGN TO MAKE NORTH CAROLINA A NO-TORTURE STATE

WHEREAS, the non-governmental North Carolina Commission of Inquiry on Torture (NCCIT, www.nccit.org) was established to examine the role of North Carolina in the United States' secret, global torture program launched soon after 9/11/2001; and,

WHEREAS, the volunteer led NCCIT has conducted an inquiry into the use of public airports by the CIA to facilitate torture, and learned that Aero Contractors, a CIA affiliated company, transported at least 49 people for torture, many of them innocent of any terrorist ties; and,

WHEREAS, Aero Contractors is headquartered at the Johnston County Airport in Smithfield, and also used the state-run Global TransPark in Kinston for "torture taxi" flights; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina citizens have been calling since 2005 for an investigation of Aero Contractors, and support has come from people of faith, veterans, elected officials, civic groups, labor, various political parties, and members of different racial and ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, 10 NCCIT Commissioners – a diverse, blue-ribbon panel of distinguished citizens – heard testimony from 20 witnesses (survivors, journalists, human rights experts) on November 30 and December 1, 2017, in Raleigh; and

WHEREAS, Governor Roy Cooper and Attorney General Josh Stein are expected to respond to the 84-page NCCIT Report (NCTortureReport.org) that was released on September 27, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen passed a RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON TORTURE on December 6, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carrboro Board of Aldermen hereby urges Governor Cooper and Attorney General Stein to identify and pursue relevant state, federal, and international law when responding to this report; hold private contractors such as Aero Contractors accountable for their involvement in the torture program; and require the removal of Aero Contractors from Johnson County Airport.

This the 4th day of December 2018.