RESOLUTION BY THE GREATER STARKVILLE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR AN INDUSTRIAL PARK IN STARKVILLE AND OKTIBBEHA COUNTY LOCATED AT HIGHWAYS 82 AND 389

WHEREAS, Golden Triangle Development LINK identified three options for future industrial development initiatives, and asked county stakeholders to create a steering committee to consider all options

WHEREAS, Mayor Parker Wiseman and Alderman Jason Walker represented the City of Starkville; Supervisor Marvel Howard and Supervisor Bricklee Miller represented Oktibbeha County; and Oktibbeha County Economic Development Authority (OCEDA) board members Jack Wallace and John Campbell represented OCEDA

WHEREAS, the first option (Option 1) includes 384 contiguous acres of land located at the intersection of Highways 82 and 398

WHEREAS, Option 1 could provide 13 individual lots combining for 192.98 acres, a 28.3-acre site for a potential speculative building, a 6-acre site for a 4-County Electric Power Association substation and a 157.3-acre parcel for large industry and/or future expansion

WHEREAS, Option 1 consists of an estimated \$20 million in development investment, which would include \$14 million in commitments from the City of Starkville and Oktibbeha County, and outside investments for the remaining infrastructure improvements

WHEREAS, 4-County Electric Power Association has committed to a \$4 million, 60-megawatt investment at the location of Option 1

WHEREAS, Option 1 was identified by the Golden Triangle Development LINK as the "best site" and "best value" for an industrial park in Oktibbeha County

WHEREAS, successful industrial recruitment can result in an expanded tax base and provide much needed living wage jobs to the citizens of Oktibbeha County

WHEREAS, the Starkville and Oktibbeha County community have invested in the Golden Triangle Development LINK as the representative for economic development and industrial recruitment, and the community must take advantage of opportunities presented for the development of industrial product in order to be competitive in the industry

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Greater Starkville Development Partnership thanks the City of Starkville for their past support of economic development and industrial recruitment and previous funding requests for other industrial park options, and

THAT the Greater Starkville Development Partnership Board of Directors supports Option 1 and the subsequent funding of such, and respectfully requests that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen consider supporting this initiative,

THAT copies of this Resolution will be forwarded to Mayor Parker Wiseman, the Starkville Board of Aldermen, and the membership of the Greater Starkville Development Partnership,

It was moved and seconded to adopt the foregoing resolution, and the motion having received an overwhelming majority vote of the members present, Board Chairman Michelle Amos declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted this the 12th day of May, 2016.

Michelle Amos, Chairman of the Board Greater Starkville Development Partnership

Richard Hilton, Immediate Past Chairman Greater Starkville Development Partnership

Terry Tones, Vice Chairman & Chair-Elect Greater Starkville Development Partnership