RESOLUTION NO. RS-2025-5\

(Resolution Approving the Use of a Portion of Foreign Trade Zone #255's Acreage by Out-of-County Businesses)

RECITALS

By Grant of Authority from the Foreign Trade Zones Board dated July 3, 2002, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, was granted the privilege of establishing Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) No. 255.

On February 14, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland authorized a proposed application to reorganize FTZ # 255 under an Alternative Site Framework, which was subsequently approved by the Foreign Trade Zone Board on October 24, 2023.

FTZ No. 255 has been allotted a standard 2,500 acres for operators within the Alternative Site Framework service area. While the Commissioners prioritize the allotment to businesses located in Washington County, it has been proposed that up to 250 acres be permitted to be used by out-of-county businesses, creating new opportunities to attract investment, expand trade activity, and strengthen Washington County's role as regional hub for economic growth while protecting the majority of acreage for local use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, that up to 250 acres of FTZ No. 255 allotment is permitted to be used by out-of-county businesses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a five-year sunset period, which requires any unused portion of the 250 acres be reallocated for in-county businesses, is hereby established, and that the FTZ No. 255 Administrator will provide a report to the Board of County Commissioners with findings and recommendations, which may include allowing the Resolution to sunset, be adjusted, or extending the provision.

Adopted and effective this H day of October, 2025.

ATTEST:

Dawn L. Marcus, Clerk

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