



Resolution

Support for Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport

WHEREAS, reliable, affordable, and convenient air service is essential to providing a high quality of life and vibrant local economy, allowing residents and businesses options for travel to see family, friends, clients, and other business interests; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Marquette Community Master Plan included information documenting expressed challenges with air service to the Marquette area and recommends continued support to advocate for improved air service including additional flights at Sawyer Regional Airport; and,

WHEREAS, in recent years Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport, the primary airport for many residents and businesses from the City of Marquette, has faced decreases in available flights due to forces outside its control including national trends and competing federal funds which artificially drive business decisions that disproportionately impact Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport leading to an estimated 50% of demand originating from within the City of Marquette to choose other airports; and,

WHEREAS, representatives from the City of Marquette staff and key partners such as the Lake Superior Community Partnership, InvestUP and numerous private sector businesses located within the city have actively engaged in efforts to enhance the overall experience of Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport; and,

WHEREAS, the Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport currently provides daily service to two major hubs and that recent efforts to build a business case have successfully resulted in the expansion to a third hub as of January 2025; and,

WHEREAS, expansion of service to Minneapolis is one component of a larger, multifaceted effort to expand the overall air service capacity and experience at Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, WE, the City of Marquette confirm our intent to treat Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport as our home and preferred airport and commit to:

1. Utilize Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport for business-related travel whenever possible.
2. Encourage our employees and partners to choose Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport as their preferred airport.

3. Support the promotion and advocacy of Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport as a vital part of our region's infrastructure.
4. Advocate for continued growth and development of air service in our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, WE, the City of Marquette support the continued use of staff time and other resources as permitted to be utilized to continue efforts to expand and enhance air service options and services from Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport.

Dated this 25th day of November, 2024.

Jessica Hanley
Mayor
City of Marquette