**PROCLAMATION**

WHREAS: Middle Georgia is being propelled by an emerging cluster of technical, scientific and digital based jobs and industries. The region outperforms in areas such as Human Capital and Knowledge Creation, with the core concentration in Warner Robins being especially strong. Warner Robins is home to Robins Air Force Base, which is supports new digital engineering systems and advanced battle management missions, in addition to its long-standing role as a manufacturing maintenance industrial complex. The Middle Georgia region has an impressive concentration of higher education institutions that produce approximately 7,000 STEM degree graduates a year.

WHEREAS: These factors combine to make the Middle Georgia Region an exciting location that is rapidly transforming into a modern technology corridor. It offers enticing future oriented training and career opportunities, and a broad range of outdoor recreation and lifestyle choices.

WHEREAS: The Middle Georgia region is fast becoming an emerging innovation hot spot, thus supporting the formation of the Middle Georgia Innovation Corridor. The Middle Georgia Innovation Corridor consists of an innovation community which brings together and connects elements of the Middle Georgia region into both a geographic and conceptual space. These elements include defense, manufacturing, industry, education and healthcare. Collaboration across these elements within the innovation corridor will drive transformational activities which will deliver and attract world class talent and economic opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed that Warner Robins will be the first city to declare its membership to the Middle Georgia Innovation Corridor. The city acknowledges the critical and fundamental importance of building out and supporting these forementioned technological assets and thus their contribution to the prosperity of our economy in the City of Warner Robins, Houston County and the Middle Georgia region.

This 9th day of July 2022 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mayor LaRhonda Patrick

City of Warner Robins

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