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COUNTY

Commissioners Court  
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March 30, 2026

Dr. Neil Matkin, Ed.D., President  
and the Honorable Members of the  
Collin College Board of Trustees  
Collin College

Dear Dr. Matkin and Members of the Board,

On behalf of the Collin County Commissioners Court, we write to express our strong support for a partnership between Collin College and the Civil Air Patrol, including the opportunity to support the activities of the Texas Wing Civil Air Patrol within Collin County.

Collin County continues to experience significant population growth and economic expansion, particularly in sectors such as aviation, aerospace, and advanced technologies. Investments in education and workforce development are critical to sustaining this growth and ensuring that our region remains competitive in attracting and retaining high-quality employers.

The Civil Air Patrol is uniquely positioned to complement these efforts. As a congressionally chartered nonprofit under Title 36 of the United States Code and the official civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force under Title 10, Civil Air Patrol is tasked with national missions that include emergency services, aerospace education, and cadet leadership development. These missions align closely with both workforce development and public service priorities within Collin County.

Through its cadet programs, Civil Air Patrol provides young people ages 12–20 with structured leadership training, aviation education, and exposure to careers in aviation, engineering, and public safety. These programs help cultivate a pipeline of motivated individuals who may pursue higher education and careers within Collin County and the broader North Texas region.

Allowing Civil Air Patrol to utilize appropriate educational facilities at Collin College for weekly meetings and aerospace education activities would strengthen this pipeline by creating a direct connection between youth aviation programs and collegiate training opportunities. This type of partnership supports long-term workforce development while reinforcing Collin County's position as a regional leader in aviation and STEM education.

In addition to its educational contributions, Civil Air Patrol supports federal, state, and local agencies through aerial search and rescue operations, disaster response, and emergency services coordination. Strengthening the organization's presence within Collin County enhances regional preparedness and contributes to the safety and resilience of our communities.

The Collin County Commissioners Court believes that collaboration between Collin College and Civil Air Patrol represents a strategic opportunity to align education, workforce development, and public service. This partnership would provide lasting benefits to students, the aviation industry, and the citizens of Collin County.

For these reasons, we respectfully encourage the Board of Trustees and administration of Collin College to support a partnership with Civil Air Patrol that allows the organization to conduct its weekly leadership and aerospace education activities within the college's aviation training facilities.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to the future of Collin County.