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## CERTIFICATION

I, PATRICIA F. STAHL, Clerk of Council of the City of Bedford Heights, State of Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2005-102 as introduced and adopted at the meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford Heights held on June 21, 2005 and published according to ordinance and recorded in the Book of Record.

Sincerely,

Patricia F. Stahl  
Clerk of Council

DATE: June 22, 2005

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RESOLUTION NO.: 2005-102  
INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Mallin and Council Members Saunders,  
Berger, Brown, Gilliam, Grant, MacKenzie, Tinker



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**A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION TO RETAIN 1,028 FEDERAL DEFENSE JOBS AT THE DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE IN DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the Bedford Heights City Council has as one of its primary responsibilities improving the health and welfare of its citizens, which includes ensuring the availability of a diverse selection of employment opportunities in the Greater Cleveland area; and

WHEREAS, the Defense Finance & Accounting Service (DFAS) in downtown Cleveland is currently the fourth largest federal employer in Greater Cleveland, with a \$65 million annual payroll; and

WHEREAS, DFAS employs some 1,200 people from throughout the region, and provides jobs that are vital to the health of the regional workforce and enrich the ranks of professionals in Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland DFAS office is the world center for Navy payroll services and personnel data management as well as the Reserve Pay Center of Excellence, distributing \$101 billion and serving 2,745,000 military and civilian personnel, retirees and annuitants in FY 2003; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland's DFAS office is an integral part of the system that supports our armed forces, and is a cutting edge model of operational efficiency and customer service for U.S. military pay operations around the world; and

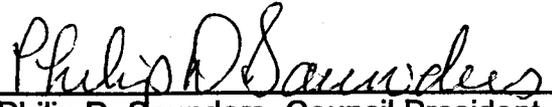
WHEREAS, the loss of these jobs could cost Greater Cleveland an estimated \$128 million, further eroding our regional and state tax base and endangering money for vital services, such as police and fire protection throughout Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland is one of the nation's preeminent financial service centers, home to the headquarters of several large commercial banks and the regional Federal Reserve, and perfectly situated to continue its track record of excellence here well into the future; and

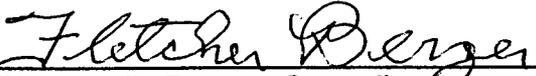
WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense (DOD) has recommended to the Base Closure and Realignment Commission that 1,028 jobs currently performed by the Cleveland DFAS in the Anthony J. Celebrezze Federal Building be relocated to other buildings; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation is not a final decision; and

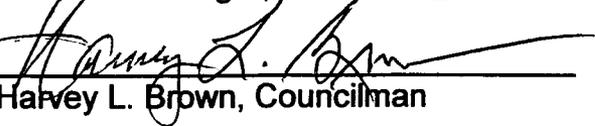
WHEREAS, the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance has announced its intentions to work with community partners to fight and reverse DOD's proposal before



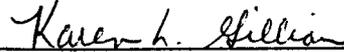
Philip D. Saunders, Council President



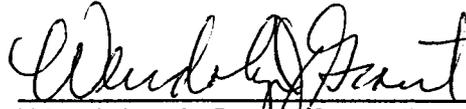
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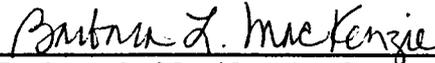
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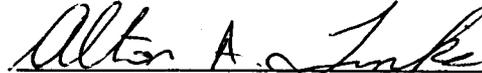
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