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Mr. Anthony Principi
Chairman of the BRAC Commission
2521 So. Clark Street – Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202-3920

Re: Approved Resolution No. 2005-06-60
Objecting to the Addition of Fort Monmouth
To the BRAC Closure List

Dear Mr. Principi:

Enclosed is a copy of the above stated Resolution that was passed at the Regular Monthly Board Meeting of the Authority held on June 21, 2005.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MAG".

MICHAEL A. GIANFORTE, P.E.
Executive Director

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**TWO RIVERS WATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE ADDITION OF
FORT MONMOUTH TO THE BRAC CLOSURE LIST**

RESOLUTION NO: 2005-06-60

WHEREAS, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 stipulates that closure and realignment decisions must be based upon selection criteria developed by the Secretary of Defense; and

WHEREAS, the Final Selections Criteria requires the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission to consider the economic impact on existing communities in the vicinity of military installations in its selection of military installations to be closed; and

WHEREAS, Fort Monmouth is the Army's premier center for research and development in communications, electronics, and network-centric warfare, supported by a highly educated skilled people that have proven expertise that cannot be replaced by transferring their work elsewhere or by contracting out to private laboratories; and the loss of more than 5,300 people employed by Fort Monmouth due to closure will have a significant impact on the unemployment rate and tax revenues in the region; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of disposable income due to the closure of Fort Monmouth will impact area shops, restaurants, service establishments and business in general; and

WHEREAS, as significant an issue as the loss of on-site employment, another issue is the number of defense and maintenance contractors operating from offices in the area that would likely be vacated should Fort Monmouth be closed, thereby affecting the value of area office buildings; and

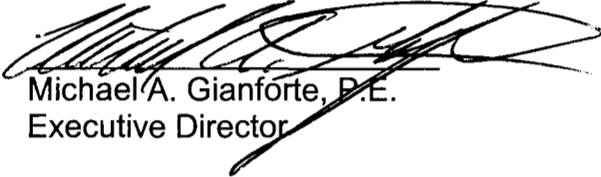
WHEREAS, the BRAC Commission elected to hold the required public hearing on the closure of Fort Monmouth one hundred and seventy-five miles from Fort Monmouth, thereby limiting public comment by area residents and members of the business community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority, on behalf of the residential and business community of the Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority's service area that will be potentially impacted by the proposed closure of Fort Monmouth and that are precluded from attending the public hearing in Baltimore on July 8, 2005, endorses the Department of Defense requirement for in-depth review by the BRAC Commission of its recommendation to close Fort Monmouth and the

United States Government Accountability observation that the BRAC Commission has an obligation to use specific models for assessing the potential economic impact on communities affected by the closure of Fort Monmouth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority objects to the addition of Fort Monmouth to the BRAC Commission closure list that is based on the Final Selections Criteria focused more on assessing military value based on military missions and operational capabilities without recognizing important support capabilities such as research, development, tests and evaluation.

I certify the above to be a
true copy of the Resolution
adopted at a public meeting
held on June 14, 2005



Michael A. Gianforte, P.E.
Executive Director