

CITY OF FAIRVIEW PARK

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RESOLUTION 05-12

REQUESTED BY: MAYOR PATTON

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN MINEK

CO-SPONSORED BY: Councilmembers Robatin, Gauthier, Westfall, Thomas, Sweeney and Council President Bringman

A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION TO RETAIN OVER ONE THOUSAND FEDERAL DEFENSE JOBS AT THE DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE IN DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND, OHIO IN AN EFFORT TO PROTECT NORTHEAST OHIO'S ECONOMIC VITALITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, Fairview Park City Council has as one of its primary responsibilities improving the health and welfare of its citizens, which includes advocating support for and promoting the availability of a diverse selection of employment opportunities in Northeast Ohio; and,

**WHEREAS**, the United State Department of Defense has recommended to the Base Closure and Realignment Commission that over one thousand jobs currently performed by the Cleveland Defense and Accounting Service be relocated to other cities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) in downtown Cleveland is currently the fourth largest federal employer in Greater Cleveland with a \$65 million annual payroll and is the world center for Navy payroll services and personnel data management serving 2,745,000 military and civilian personnel, retirees and annuitants; and,

**WHEREAS**, Cleveland's DFAS office employs some 1200 people from throughout the region and provides jobs that are vital to the health of Cuyahoga County's tax base. It is estimated that the loss of these jobs could cost the Greater Cleveland area \$128 million; and,

**WHEREAS**, the recommendation is not a final decision and the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance has announced its intentions to work with community partners to fight and reverse the Department of Defense's proposal before the Base Realignment and Closure Commission forwards its recommendations to President Bush in September of 2005.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF FAIRVIEW PARK, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO:**

**SECTION 1)** The Council of the City of Fairview Park hereby urges the Base Realignment and Closure Commission to remove the Cleveland DFAS office from the list of closures and realignments proposed on May 13, 2005 and retain these 1,028 important federal defense jobs in Cleveland, Ohio.

**SECTION 2)** That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to President George W. Bush, Senators Mike DeWine and George Voinovich, Congressman Dennis Kucinich, the appropriate representatives of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission and the members of the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance.

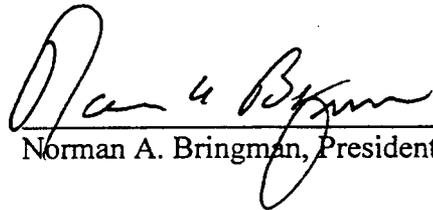
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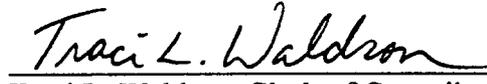
SECTION 3) It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION 4) That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare; and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

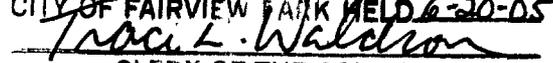
PASSED: 06-20-05  
APPROVED: 06-21-05

  
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Eileen Ann Patton, Mayor

  
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Norman A. Bringman, President of Council

  
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Traci L. Waldron, Clerk of Council

1<sup>st</sup> reading: 06-20-05  
2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Suspended  
3<sup>rd</sup> reading: Suspended

TRACI L. WALDRON, CLERK OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRVIEW  
PARK, OHIO, DOES HEREBY CERTIFY  
THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF  
RESOLUTION-ORDINANCE NO. 05-12  
AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF FAIRVIEW PARK HELD 6-20-05  
  
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CLERK OF THE COUNCIL