

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-45  
INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

**AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION TO RETAIN 1,028 IMPORTANT FEDERAL DEFENSE JOBS AT THE DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE IN DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND AND SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING THE CLEVELAND DEFENSE INDUSTRY ALLIANCE AND THE GREATER CLEVELAND PARTNERSHIP IN THEIR ADVOCACY EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE REGION'S ECONOMIC VITALITY BY APPEALING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO REALIGN THESE JOBS TO OTHER CITIES AND ENCOURAGING THEIR RETENTION; AND FURTHER COMMITTING COUNCIL'S SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE IN THIS UNDERTAKING.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of University Heights has as one of their 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 enriches 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 cities; 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 the Base Realignment and Closure Commission forwards its recommendations to President Bush in September 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Mayor and Council hereby urge the Base Realignment and Closure Commission to remove the Cleveland Office of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service from the list of closures and realignments proposed on May 13, 2005, and retain the 1,028 important Federal defense jobs here in Cleveland.

**SECTION 2.** That the Mayor and Council encourage the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance and the Greater Cleveland Partnership in their advocacy efforts to preserve the region's economic vitality by working to reverse the U.S. Department of Defense's recommendation to realign these professional jobs to other cities.

**SECTION 3.** That the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to President George W. Bush, Congressional Representatives Stephanie Tubbs Jones, Dennis Kucinich, Sherrod Brown and Steven LaTourette, and Senators Mike DeWine and George Voinovich; the appropriate representatives from the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, and the members of the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance.

**SECTION 4.** It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

**SECTION 5.** This resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, safety, health and welfare of the citizens of the City of University Heights. It shall therefore become effective upon its passage by the affirmative vote of not less than five (5) members of Council and approval of the Mayor; otherwise, it shall become effective at the earliest time allowed by law.

Beryl E. Rothschild  
Beryl E. Rothschild, Mayor

PASSED: June 20, 2005

APPROVED: June 20, 2005

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Kenneth J. Fisher  
Kenneth J. Fisher, Law Director

ATTEST: Nancy E. English  
Nancy E. English, Clerk of Council

**CERTIFICATION**  
I, NANCY E. ENGLISH, Clerk of Council of the City of University Heights, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance-Resolution No. 2005-45, passed by the Council of said City at its meeting held on JUNE 20, 2005.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said City this 22ND day of JUNE, 2005.

Nancy E. English  
Clerk of Council  
City of University Heights