

# The Mayor and Council of Middletown

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BRAC Commission

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## RESOLUTION

### URGING THE FEDERAL BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE COMMISSION TO REMOVE THE DELAWARE NATIONAL GUARD BASE IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY FROM CLOSURE CONSIDERATION

**WHEREAS**, the federal Base Realignment and Closure Commission (the "B.R.A.C") has identified the Delaware National Guard Base (the "Base") in New Castle County as under consideration for closure and/or realignment; and

**WHEREAS**, the B.R.A.C. has recommended that the New Castle County Air National Guard Base be realigned resulting in a loss of all currently possessed aircraft, 47 full time military personnel, 101 full time civilian personnel, 485 Guard military positions, and the relocation of 39 firefighters; and

**WHEREAS**, the realignment would result in a direct economic loss of over \$28.7 million annually for civilian, full time military, and Guard military positions as well as operations and maintenance expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, the financial well-being of an assortment of businesses surrounding the Base relies heavily on services provided to Base personnel and infrastructure and the Base is therefore an integral component of the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the transfer of base firefighters would create serious voids in fire service delivery in New Castle County, adversely impact the Federal Aviation Administration's rating allowing commercial air service at the New Castle County Airport, and create significant safety risks for the County in the event of natural or other disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, the realignment and/or closure of the Base would have a considerable negative economic and social impact on the public welfare, safety and standard of living of the citizens and workforce of New Castle County that would be felt for decades to come;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Middletown hereby most strongly urges the federal B.R.A.C. to reconsider its recommendation and consideration for the closure and/or realignment of the Delaware National Guard Base at the New Castle County Airport.

Adopted by the Mayor and Council of  
Middletown, Delaware on August 1, 2005

Kenneth L. Branner, Mayor