

City of Milford



B.R.A.C. 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 positions as well as operations and maintenance expenditures; and

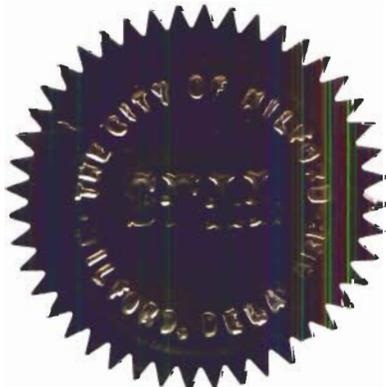
WHEREAS, the financial well being of an assortment of businesses surrounding the base relies heavily on services provided to Base personnel and infrastructure with the Base an integral component of the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of Base firefighters would create serious voids in the 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 Council of The City of Milford 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Milford to be affixed this 8th day of August in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Five.



Mayor Joseph P. Rogan

Attest: [Signature]