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Resolution

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The Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, hereby urges the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission to reject the recommendation of the Department of Defense, which called for the reorganization and reduction of Cleveland DFAS operations.

WHEREAS, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service - Cleveland Site (DFAS-CL) is the largest tenant in the Anthony J. Celebrezze Federal Building and is the world center for the United State Navy pay operations and personnel data management; and

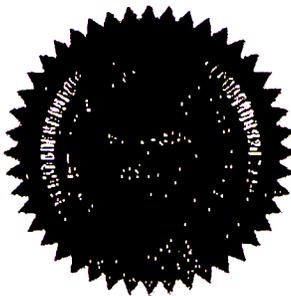
WHEREAS, the DFAS-CL is unique in that the Cleveland center processes pay for military retirees and no other DFAS work group is trained to do so as well; and Cuyahoga County Commissioners have previously supported the local efforts of the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance to retain these important and highly-skilled positions in Cleveland where they have served the country and their clientele so well for so many years; and

WHEREAS, DFAS-CL employing 1,188 fulltime employees, plus 300 private contractors is the fourth largest Federal employer in Greater Cleveland, with a multi-million dollar annual payroll that significantly benefits the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, the closure of DFAS-CL as initiated by the May, 2005 Defense Department analysis and decision would be ill-advised and contrary to BRAC rules and regulations and unsupported by the data being considered and gives insufficient consideration to the skills, experience and efficiency of the current workforce; and

WHEREAS, the closure of DFAS-CL and relocation of jobs to Denver, Indianapolis and Columbus would translate to a loss in revenue of approximately \$128 million per year by the County and \$188 million per year by the State as well as incur increased federal costs at a time of serious federal budget deficits

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, hereby urges the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission to reject the recommendation of the Department of Defense, which called for the reorganization and reduction of Cleveland DFAS operations.



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Peter Lawson Jones, Commissioner

Duly adopted this 16th day of June, 2005