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LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
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BUFFALO, N.Y., JUNE 2, 2005

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

**I HEREBY CERTIFY**, *That at the 14th Session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the Legislative Chambers, in the City of Buffalo, on the **Second** day of **June** A.D., 2005, a Resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATORS KUWIK, MARINELLI, WROBLEWSKI, DUSZA, HOLT, DEBENEDETTI,  
KENNEDY, SMITH, CHASE, MARSHALL, McCARVILLE, RANZENHOFER, SWANICK, AND  
WEINSTEIN**

WHEREAS, for nearly 60 years, the United States Air Force Reserve and the New York Air National Guard have maintained a presence at the Niagara Falls International Airport, with the 107th Air Refueling Wing of the New York Air National Guard and the 914th Airlift Wing of the United States Air Force Reserve currently based at the airport, and

WHEREAS, in 1990-1991, during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storms, members of the 107th Fighter Interceptor Group (then based at the airport) were activated for service and members of the 328th Tactical Airlift Squadron (then based at the airport) were activated for service, and

WHEREAS, in the 1990s the 328th Tactical Airlift Squadron (then based at the airport) was activated for service for various operations in Somalia, Bosnia, Haiti, and Honduras, and

WHEREAS, since 2001, members of the 107th Air Refueling Wing and the 914th Airlift Wing have been activated to serve in important military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq and in the Middle East, with many members serving in 2 or 3 deployments each, and

WHEREAS, in the past five years, significant, multi-million capital improvements have been made to the Niagara Falls Air Base, including a \$8 million repaving and extension of the main runway, a new \$6.5 million lodge for military personnel, and a forthcoming major construction project to build a new military entrance processing station, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Air Base has 800 full-time employees, with thousands of reservists and guardsmen present during weekends, with a \$150 million economic impact, and

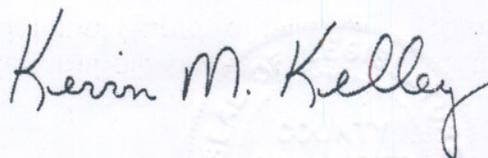
WHEREAS, in its recommendations to the Base Realignment Commission, the Department of Defense has recommended that the Niagara Falls base be closed, and its Air Force cargo planes relocated to Arkansas and its Air National Guard refueling plans relocated to Maine, and

WHEREAS, that would lead to the loss of 115 military and 527 civilian government jobs, and

WHEREAS, that Air Force recommendation overlooks a number of criteria and ranking indices that have positively evaluated the Niagara Falls base ahead of the bases to which the two units would be relocated, and

WHEREAS, the Air Force ruling overlooks the crucial importance of maintaining the base on the northern border,

ATTEST



KEVIN M. KELLEY  
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby express its strong support for the continued operation of the Niagara Falls Air Base and the presence of the 107th Air Refueling Wing and the 914th Airlift Wing, and be it further

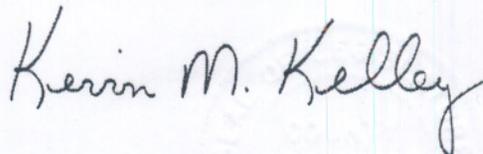
RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body calls on the Base Realignment Commission to closely evaluate and to overturn the Defense Department's recommendation and to maintain the air base in Niagara Falls, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body expresses its support and appreciation to the citizen-airmen of the 107th Air Refueling Wing and the 914th Airlift Wing for their service to our country, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the President, to Senators Charles Schumer and Hillary Rodham Clinton, to Representatives Thomas Reynolds, Louise Slaughter, and Brian Higgins, to the Governor, to the local delegation of the New York State Legislature, to the BRAC Commission (2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600 Arlington, Va. 22202), and to Merrell Lane, Chair of the Niagara Military Affairs Council (c/o Lane Funeral Home, 8622 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14304).

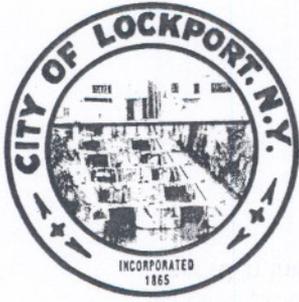
REFERENCE: INTRO 14-1  
AS AMENDED: JUNE 2, 2005

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**CITY OF LOCKPORT, NEW YORK**  
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**TO: Whom it may concern**  
**FROM: Richard P. Mullaney, City Clerk**  
**DATE: May 5, 2005**

Please be advised, that at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Lockport, NY held on May 4, 2005, the following resolution was adopted:

**060105.16B**

By Alderman Lombardi:

WHEREAS, the Federal Base Closure and Realignment Commission has included the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station on its list for consideration of closure in 2005, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Air Reserve Station is the second largest employer in Niagara County, employing nearly 3,000 people resulting in a combined annual payroll in excess of \$50,000,000 that creates an estimated indirect payroll of \$20,000,000, and if closed, would have adverse social and economic impacts, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station's proximity to the United States-Canadian International Border serves an integral and strategic security function for the Northeastern United States, and if closed, would create serious national and local security issues, and

WHEREAS, the relocation of our Air Base to Arkansas will cause our servicemen and servicewomen an undue hardship, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Lockport Common Council urges the Federal Base Closure and Realignment Commission and the United States Department of Defense, for the above noted reasons, to remove the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station from the 2005 closure list, and be it further

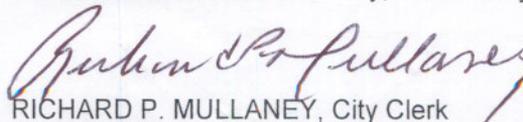
RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the members of the Federal Base Closure and Realignment Commission, President George W. Bush, U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, Congressman Thomas Reynolds, Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, Governor George E. Pataki, State Senator George Maziarz, Assemblywoman Sandra Lee Wirth, NFARS Public Affairs Spokesman Neil Nolf, and NIMAC Chairman Merrell Lane.

Seconded by Alderman Kibler and adopted. Ayes 6.

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I, Richard P. Mullaney, City Clerk of said City, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original proceedings of the Common Council of said City of Lockport, New York, now remaining on file and of record in this office; and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said City, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2005.

  
RICHARD P. MULLANEY, City Clerk  
City of Lockport