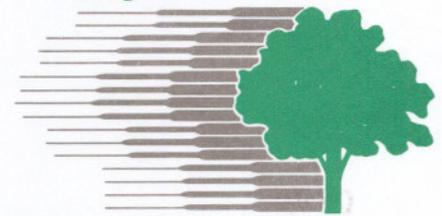


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June 7, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street Suite 600
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Enclosed please find a certified copy of the resolution(s) adopted by the Cheektowaga Town Board on June 6, 2005 regarding:

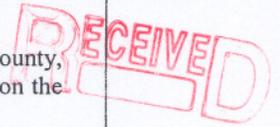
1. Oppose Closing of Niagara Falls, New York Air Reserve Station.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF CHEEKTOWAGA
ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary F. Holtz". The signature is written in a cursive style.

MARY F. HOLTZ
TOWN CLERK

MFH:NMS
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At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Cheektowaga, Erie County, New York held at the Town Hall, corner of Broadway and Union Road, in said Town on the 6th day of June, 2005 at 7:00 P.M., there were:

PRESENT: Supervisor Dennis H. Gabryszak
Councilmember Patricia A. Jaworowicz
Councilmember Thomas M. Johnson, Jr.
Councilmember Jeff Swiatek
Councilmember James J. Jankowiak
Councilmember Thomas J. Mazur
Councilmember Alice Magierski

ABSENT: 0

Motion by Supervisor Gabryszak Seconded by Unanimous

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station in Niagara Falls, New York was established some 50 years ago to assist the United States in protecting our country, and

WHEREAS, presently, the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station is home to the 914th Air Lift Wing, the 107th Air Refueling Wing, 865th Support Hospital, 288th Quartermasters and the Military Processing Site, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station employs 3,000+ full-time and part-time military and civilian personnel; is Niagara County's second largest employer; and has an estimated \$153 million economic impact to Western New York businesses, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station has admirably served our country and the Western New York region during the Korean War, Vietnam War, wars in the Middle East, the war in Iraq, as well as providing troops, equipment and supplies for humanitarian aid throughout the world, and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense recently recommended that the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station be closed, and referred such recommendation to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission ("BRAC Commission"), and

WHEREAS, the BRAC Commission will be reviewing such recommendation, and will forward its report to President George W. Bush by September 8, 2005; President George W. Bush will have until September 23, 2005 to accept or reject the recommendations; and then Congress will have 45 legislative days to reject the recommendations or they become binding on the Department of Defense, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station is located in a unique strategic geographic location in upstate New York, and serves to assist in border crossings from Canada especially in this era of concern about Homeland Security and Global War on Terrorism, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station has the necessary trained, motivated and ready airmen and soldiers needed to defend our Nation; and has the employees training in night vision reconnaissance, and

WHEREAS, following are additional reasons why the Federal Government should disregard the BRAC Commission recommendation and keep the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station open:

1. Closure of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station would reduce the Air Force presence in New York by 40%, and eliminate the last Federal Air Force flying mission in New York State;
2. Since 1995, the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station has been modernized with \$35 million in new facilities and lengthened runways which have improved the operational effectiveness of the wings. The Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station has also reduced its Base Operations Support costs by 33% (including a 25% reduction in utilities) to make the base one of the most cost-efficient facilities in the Air Force Reserve Command;
3. Closure of the base would also eliminate the ability to recruit and retain New Yorkers in a region in which the units have both maintained in excess of 100% manning rates;
4. Niagara Falls' existing infrastructure can accommodate 8 additional C-130H model aircraft without any military construction;
5. Niagara Falls faces no physical encroachment nor air traffic control constraints, and has acreage on the base and adjacent to the installation for expansion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby memorializes the BRAC Commission, the US Department of Defense, the United States Congress, the United States House of Representatives and United States President George Bush to remove Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station from the recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of servicemen and employees from our region of the country, and **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and hereby is authorized and directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the BRAC Commission, 2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600, Arlington, Virginia 22202; President George W. Bush, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington D.C. 20500; Senator Charles E. Schumer, 520 Hart Office Building, Washington D.C. 20510; Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, 476 Russell Office Building, Washington D.C. 20510; Congressman Brian M. Higgins, 431 Cannon House Building, Washington D.C. 20515; and John A. Cooper, Sr., Vice Chairman, NIMAC, P.O. Box 321, Niagara Falls, New York 14304-0231.

Upon roll call...

Supervisor Gabryszak	Voting	AYE
Councilmember Jaworowicz	Voting	AYE
Councilmember Johnson	Voting	AYE
Councilmember Swiatek	Voting	AYE
Councilmember Jankowiak	Voting	AYE
Councilmember Mazur	Voting	AYE
Councilmember Magierski	Voting	AYE

AYES: 7
NAYES: 0
ABSENT: 0

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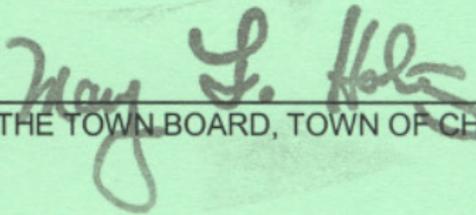
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(Seal)

This is to certify that I, *MARY F. HOLZ*, Clerk of the *Town of Cheektowaga, in the said County of Erie*, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file at this office, and which was passed by the Town Board of the *Town of Cheektowaga*

in said *County of Erie*, on the 6th day of June, 2005, and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such original resolution and the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 7th day of June, 2005.



CLERK OF THE TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF CHEEKTOWAGA, N.Y.