

# ~RESOLUTIONS~

IN SUPPORT OF

THE NIAGARA FALLS AIR BASE

THOMAS M. REYNOLDS  
26TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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August 18, 2005

BRAC Commission

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Received

The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chairman  
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 S. Clark St., Ste 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi,

I am writing to you regarding your upcoming decision dealing with the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station.

I have taken the liberty of compiling 18 resolutions in support of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station for your review. These resolutions reflect the continued support throughout the community to save this regional asset.

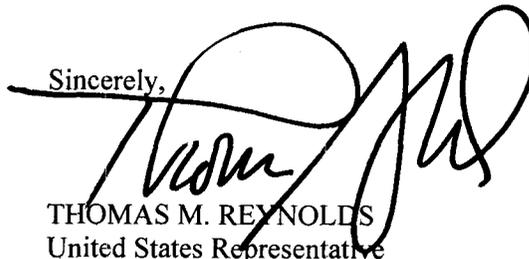
The 914<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing at Niagara is currently being re-mobilized for its 3<sup>rd</sup> tour in Iraq. The 914<sup>th</sup> is the first Air Reserve unit to return to Iraq for the third time, which underscores its military value.

I think this speaks volumes about the character of the citizen soldiers of Western New York who depart for duty in Iraq without hesitation or complaint, all this while awaiting word on the future of their home and their jobs at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station.

The Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station and military units in Western New York play a critical role in the economic health of Western New York. With its work force and annual payroll, plus the significant numbers of local contractors that perform services at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, the overall economic impact of the base is vital.

Please let me know if there's any more information I can provide you with or any further help I can give during this important process. I appreciate your efforts on behalf of our Armed Forces and our nation; and I have no doubt you will reach a decision that benefits both the military and the American people.

Sincerely,



THOMAS M. REYNOLDS  
United States Representative



Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority  
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**May 24, 2005**

**Mr. Merrell Lane, Chairman  
Niagara Military Affairs Council  
PO Box 231  
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231**

**Dear Chairman Lane:**

**Please know that the Board of Commissioners of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority fully endorses your efforts and pledge to work with the council to help fulfill your mission to maintain the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base as an active military base.**

**As such, we have unanimously passed the enclosed resolution supporting all efforts directed to keep the base open.**

**Sincerely,**

**Luiz F. Kahl, Chairman  
Mary S. Martino, Vice Chair  
Theodore Katra, Secretary  
Henry M. Sloma, Treasurer  
Peter G. Demakos  
Carmen A. Grant**

**William H. Hudson  
Stephen G. Juhasz  
Eunice A. Lewin  
James C. Roscetti  
Gregory Stamm**

**CC: Members of the WNY Federal Delegation  
Members of the WNY State Delegation  
Members of the Niagara County Legislature  
Mayor of Niagara Falls, Vincent V. Anello**

**Enclosure (1)**

AVIATION:

3. D. (3) Resolution in Support of Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base

**Whereas**, the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base is home to the United States Air Force 914<sup>th</sup> Tactical Airlift Group and the New York Air National Guard 107<sup>th</sup> Refueling Wing; and

**Whereas**, the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base is an essential partner with the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority in operating the Niagara Falls International Airport ("NFIA"); and

**Whereas**, the NFTA through a Joint Use Agreement with the United States Government work together to maintain the integrity of the NFIA airfield, ensuring that aviation missions essential to the security of our nation can be conducted; and

**Whereas**, the Air Reserve Base is Niagara County's second largest employer and provides significant economic and social benefits to all of Western New York; and

**Whereas**, closing the Base would cause hardship to the Niagara economy as a result of the significant loss of jobs that fuels an estimated \$150 million into the local economy; and

**Whereas**, closing the Base will cause the NFTA to incur additional operating and capital costs for the NFIA; and

**Whereas**, the Niagara Military Affairs Council is an organization whose mission is to preserve the active status of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base and seeks public and private support for the removal of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base from the Base Realignment and Closure Commission's list of military institutions to be closed.

**"RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby supports the efforts of the Niagara Military Affairs Council to remove the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base from Base Realignment and Closure Commission's list of military institutions to be closed, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby directs the Executive Director to communicate the Board's support for the goals of the Niagara Military Affairs Council and to work with the Council to help fulfill its mission."

State of New York  
Erie County  
Office Of The Clerk Of The  
Town of Cheektowaga

ss:

This is to certify that I, *MARY J. 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.

(Seal)

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

*Mary J. Holz*

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

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF CHEEKTOWAGA TOWN BOARD

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 914<sup>th</sup> Air Lift Wing, the 107<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, 865<sup>th</sup> Support Hospital, 288<sup>th</sup> 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

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**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

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legs. Renae Kimble, Sean J. O'Connor, DATE: 5/17/05 RESOLUTION # IL-034-05  
(Amended)

Dennis F. Virtuoso and Malcolm A. Needler, et al

APPROVED BY CO. ATTORNEY	REVIEWED BY CO. MANAGER	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
_____	_____	_____	Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes <u>0</u>
_____	_____	_____	Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
_____	_____	_____	Referred: _____

SUPPORT OF NIAGARA FALLS AIR RESERVE STATION

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 effect of that closure would be devastating to the Western New York Community and especially Niagara County, including serious national and local security issues, and adverse social and economic impacts on the County (with the economic impact on Western New York exceeding \$150,000,000 annually), and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Air Reserve Station is the second largest employer in Niagara County, employing nearly 3,000 people and the closure of this Base would mean the loss of these crucial jobs, and

WHEREAS, the Combined Annual Payroll of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station exceeds \$50,000,000, and

WHEREAS, the estimated Annual Payroll of Indirect Jobs created by the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station exceeds \$20,000,000, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station generates fully 10% of Niagara County's overall net income, 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, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature 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, Congressman Brian Higgins, Governor George E. Pataki, State Senator George Maziarz, State Senator Byron Brown, State Senator Dale Volker, Assemblywoman Sandra Lee Wirth, Assemblywoman Francine DelMonte, Assemblyman Charles Nesbitt, Assemblyman Robin Schimminger, Assemblyman Jim Hayes, City of Niagara Falls Mayor Vincenzo Anello, City of Buffalo Mayor Anthony Masiello, Town of Wheatfield Supervisor Timothy Demler, Town of Niagara Supervisor Steven Richards, NFARS Public Affairs Spokesman Neil Nolf, and NIMAC Chairman Merrell Lane, and that a response be requested from each official.

Renae Kimble  
LEGISLATOR RENAE KIMBLE

Dennis F. Virtuoso  
LEGISLATOR DENNIS F. VIRTUOSO

Sean J. O'Connor  
LEGISLATOR SEAN J. O'CONNOR

Malcolm A. Needler  
LEGISLATOR MALCOLM A. NEEDLER

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

William Ross  
CHAIRMAN

Malcolm A. Needler  
MAJORITY LEADER

Dennis F. Virtuoso  
MINORITY LEADER

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Harold Apolito

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William Ross

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Rebecca E. Cuddaher

Jasen J. MURRAY

[Signature]

John Syracuse

Amendment:

...overall net income, and

"WHEREAS, the Niagara Region has one of the highest recruitment rates in the country; one of the grave concerns is the Iraq war and the ongoing Middle Eastern Conflict, especially if our country is faced with the need for additional military personnel, and

WHEREAS, the relocation of our Air Base to Arkansas will cause our servicemen and servicewomen an undue hardship, and..."

**Office Of The Town Clerk**

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June 7, 2005

Mr. John Cooper, Sr.  
Vice Chairman - NIMAC  
PO Box 321  
Niagara Falls NY14304-0231

Mr. Cooper, Sr.:

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 Air Reserve Station.

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

MARY F. HOLTZ  
TOWN CLERK

MFH:NMS  
ENC(S)

**TOWN OF PENDLETON**  
**NIAGARA COUNTY**  
6570 CAMPBELL BLVD.  
LOCKPORT, NEW YORK 14094-9229

**TERRY J. PIENTA**  
Town Clerk

625-8833 EXT. 12  
FAX 625-6295

RESOLUTION 101-05

**SUPPORT FOR NIAGARA MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

Motion by Councilman Korkuc, seconded by Councilman Farnham, the following resolution was

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Riester, Frawley, Korkuc, Farnham, Leible  
Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Town of Pendleton, understands the impact of the Niagara Falls Air Base closing would have an economic impact in excess of \$133 million annually to this area with the loss of approximately 3,000 full and part time jobs with almost all of the Guard and Reservist living in Niagara and Erie Counties, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Pendleton places a unique value on this location of this base, closest to our International border with Canada as part of our Homeland Security, and LET IT BE further resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton, by resolution, fully supports the efforts of the Niagara Military Affairs Council to save the Niagara Falls Air Base, and

LET IT BE resolved that upon passage of this resolution a copy be sent to the Chairman of the Niagara Military Affairs Council for further distribution to Senators Clinton and Schumer and Congressman Reynolds and Slaughter.

Adopted June 7, 2005

**TOWN OF PENDLETON**  
**NIAGARA COUNTY**  
6570 CAMPBELL BLVD.  
LOCKPORT, NEW YORK 14094-9229

**TERRY J. PIENTA**  
Town Clerk

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**Town Clerk's Certification**

STATE OF NEW YORK

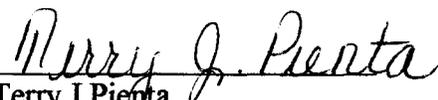
SS:

COUNTY OF NIAGARA

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Town of Pendleton, Niagara County, New York,  
DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

THAT I have compared the attached proceedings of the Town Board of  
Pendleton, including the Resolution contained therein with the originals thereof on file in  
my office and that the same are true and correct copies of said originals and of the whole  
of said originals so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have unto set my hand and affixed the seal of the  
Town of Pendleton on this 13th day of June 2005.

  
Terry J Pienta  
Town Clerk, Town of Pendleton

## TOWN OF CAMBRIA TOWN BOARD

### RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUED OPERATIONS AT THE NIAGARA FALLS AIR RESERVE STATION

**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 914<sup>th</sup> Air Lift Wing, the 107<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, 865<sup>th</sup> Support Hospital, 288<sup>th</sup> Quartermasters and the Military Processing Site, and

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

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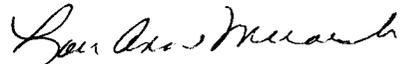
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**COUNTY OF NIAGARA  
STATE OF NEW YORK**

I, Lou Ann Murawski, Town Clerk of the Town of Cambria, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Town of Cambria Town Board at their meeting conducted on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2005.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2005.



**Lou Ann Murawski  
Town Clerk**

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*Lou Ann Murawski, Town Clerk*  
*Records Management - Registrar of Vital Statistics*

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June 10, 2005

Mr. John A. Cooper, Sr., Vice Chairman  
NIMAC  
P.O. Box 321  
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

**Resolution Supporting Continued Operations at the Niagara Air Reserve Station**

Dear Mr. Cooper,

Enclosed herewith please find a copy of the resolution adopted by the Town of Cambria Town Board on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2005.

Sincerely,

TOWN OF CAMBRIA TOWN BOARD

Lou Ann Murawski  
Town Clerk

Enc.



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June 21, 2005

Mr. Merrell A. Lane  
Lane Funeral Home, Inc.  
8622 Buffalo Avenue  
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

**SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base**

Dear Merrell:

Attached please find the resolution that was unanimously approved by the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority's Board of Commissioners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Stone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" being the most prominent.

Robert A. Stone  
Acting Airport Manager

RAS:lll  
Attach.

Cc: W. R. Vanecek, Director of Aviation

**AVIATION:**

3. D. (3) **Resolution in Support of Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base**

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby directs the Executive Director to communicate the Board's support for the goals of the Niagara Military Affairs Council and to work with the Council to help fulfill its mission."

AYES: KAHL, MARTINO, SLOMA, KATRA, HUDSON, LEWIN,  
STAMM, ROSCETTI

NOES: NONE

I hereby certify that the following Resolution was adopted at a Meeting of the City Council held on May 17, 2005.

RESOLUTION No. 2005 – 38

RELATIVE TO  
THE NIAGARA FALLS AIR BASE STATION

BY:

Council Chair Charles A. Walker  
Council Member Robert Anderson, Jr.  
Council Member Glenn Choolokian  
Council Member Lewis Rotella  
Council Member Candra Thomason

WHEREAS, on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld recommended closing more than 150 large and small military installations across the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station was among the military facilities targeted for closure by the Pentagon. The Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station is home to the 914<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, from which C130 supply planes are assigned, and the 101<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing, which helps re-fuel military aircraft in flight. The Secretary of Defense proposed to move the 914<sup>th</sup> headquarters to Langley Air Force Base in Virginia; its Expeditionary Combat Support group would be realigned with a Space Group out of Colorado; and the Civil Engineering Squadron would move to Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. The 101<sup>st</sup> would be assigned to an Air Guard station in Bangor, Maine; and

WHEREAS, the news of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station's closing is "devastating news" to all of us here in Western New York. The base employs about 3,000 full time and part-time workers in various capacities; and it's economic impact on the Falls region is estimated at \$150 million; and

WHEREAS, the border location of the Niagara Falls base and its strong units with cargo and refueling planes make a compelling case to keep this base open, as well as the critical role the base plays due to its vital mission in support of our nation's defense and our local economy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Niagara Falls City Council STRONGLY urges that the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station remain open and ask the Western New York Federal and State Delegation to support the saving of our base. We also ask them to convince the Pentagon that our base is essential, not just to Niagara County and Western New York, but to the entire country to keep this base open.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Western New York Federal Delegation, which includes our local members of Congress and the US Senate; as well as to our local State representatives and the leadership of the NYS Senate and Assembly.

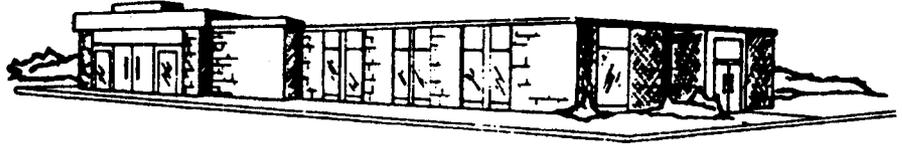
Witness my hand and seal this  
18th day of May, 2005.



Carol A. Antonucci  
City Clerk

# Town of Lewiston

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Lewiston, New York 14092  
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**SUPERVISOR**  
Fred M. Newlin

**DEPUTY SUPERVISOR**  
Evan E. Elgin

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
John D. Ceretto  
Michael A. Johnson  
Daniel F. Kilmer  
D. James Langlois

**TOWN CLERK**  
Carol J. Brandon  
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**RECEIVER OF TAXES**  
Joan Brandel Stephens

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**  
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## RESOLUTION NO. 2005 - 6

**Resolution:** Support of the Niagara Falls Air Base and the efforts of the Niagara Military Affairs Council and the entire Niagara Frontier Community to keep the base open.

**Polling:** Daniel Kilmer, Councilman  
John Ceretto, Councilman  
Michael Johnson, Councilman  
D. James Langlois, Councilman  
Fred M. Newlin, Supervisor

**WHEREAS,** the Base Realignment And Closing Committee (BRAC) is considering the closing of the Niagara Falls Air Base and,

**WHEREAS,** the Niagara Falls Air Base is the home to the 107<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing and the 914<sup>th</sup> Air Lift Wing, and

**WHEREAS,** in recognition of the men and women who work and serve our country at this base, and

**WHEREAS,** the closing of this base would have an adverse affect economically on all those in Western New York who work and live here, and

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Board of the Town of Lewiston hereby urges those in the decision making process to reconsider the possible closing of this base and fully supports the vital role that the Niagara Falls Air Base contributes to the Niagara Frontier Region.

**DATED:** May 23, 2005

List of Councilpersons:

- |                                  |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Fred Newlin, Supervisor       | Aye <u>  X  </u> |
| 2. Daniel Kilmer, Councilman     | Aye <u>  X  </u> |
| 3. John Ceretto, Councilman      | Aye <u>  X  </u> |
| 4. Michael Johnson, Councilman   | Aye <u>  X  </u> |
| 5. D. James Langlois, Councilman | Aye <u>  X  </u> |

Certified to be a true copy of the approved resolution and record on file in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Lewiston.

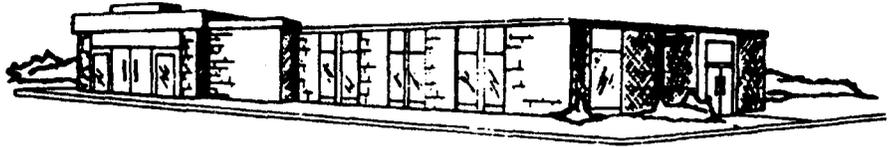
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol J. Branton". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Carol J. Branton, Town Clerk  
Town of Lewiston

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# Town of Lewiston

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May 25, 2005

Mr. Merrill Lane  
Niagara Military Affairs Council  
P.O. Box 231  
Niagara Falls, New York 14304-0231

Dear Mr. Lane:

Enclosed please find a Town of Lewiston Resolution in support of the continuation and operation of the Niagara Falls Air Base.

The Town Board is hopeful that with the overwhelming support of the surrounding communities, residents, military personnel and others that the BRAC will remove this base from the closing list.

Please include this resolution along with others and forward them to the appropriate committee.

Please continue with the fight to save our base.

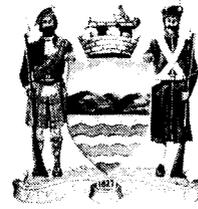
Sincerely,

Carol J. Brandon  
Town Clerk

Enc.

Village of  
**LEWISTON**

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716-754-8271 • FAX 716-754-2703



**Richard F. Soluri**  
Mayor

RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, The Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station and military units in Western New York play a critical role in the economic health of our region. With its work force and annual payroll, plus the significant numbers of local contractors that perform services at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, the overall economic impact of the base exceeds \$133 million,

**WHEREAS**, THE Village of Lewiston recognizes the contribution of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station to the area. The Village of Lewiston joins the military with area residents and business in support of retaining our base,

**WHEREAS**, Niagara has a rich history and significant contributions to the nation's defense and aviation. Niagara was the home of Bell Areospace when it teamed with the U.S. Air Force in producing the X-series aircraft, the first commercial helicopter, the Bell Rocket Belt, and even support of the moon landing,

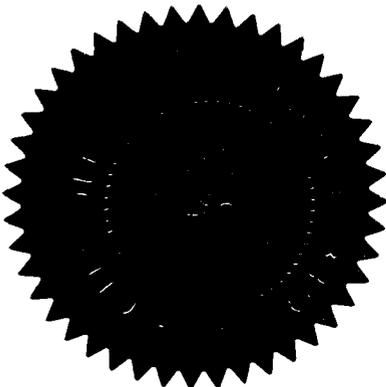
**WHEREAS**, the units of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station have served with dedication while expertly performing their missions around the world. They have distinguished themselves and have made Niagara County proud to be home to this stragic military installation,

**WHEREAS**, Niagara Fall Air reserve Station is a military base with an ongoing vital role in securing the defense of the United States of America,

**WHEREAS**, the United States Air Force at Niagara Falls, New York has been an inspiration to our citizens since 1943,

**WHEREAS**, we are most proud to be one of the host communities and wholeheartedly urge the continuation of "our" base,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. SOLURI, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISTON, NEW YORK** have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the Village of Lewiston to be affixed.



  
RICHARD F. SOLURI, MAYOR

Dated 6/1/05

# Village of Youngstown

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June 2, 2005

BRAC Commission  
Washington DC.  
c/o NIMAC  
P.O. Box 231  
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

The Village of Youngstown Board of Trustees, with the full support of our residents, US Coast Base Officers and staff at adjacent Fort Niagara and The US Boarder Patrol, deployed here 24-7, drafted the enclosed resolution to preserve and expand the Niagara Falls Air Base.

“Military Value” of course is the absolute measure in the Pentagon’s decision to retain and/or close Military Bases and we are collectively genuine in our belief that the Niagara Falls Air Force Base facilities, staff, performance, efficiency and cost meets and often exceeds your Military Value criterion:

- Highly decorated and commended staff of the 207<sup>th</sup> National Guard and 914<sup>th</sup> Air Force Reserve
- Lead night vision C-130 unit in the reserves
- Can facilitate now eight additional C-130H Aircraft
- Fills a vital and unique dual role in National Defense and Homeland Security protecting the adjacent Canadian Borders
- Is one of the most cost efficient facilities in the Air Force Reserve Command (i.e. 33% operations and utility cost reductions)
- The Base has no air traffic, physical encroachment or expansion constraints
- The last decade of \$35 million + in the base facilities provides a state of the art, maximum efficiency, at the ready base infrastructure and system.

We thus ask for your objective and through analysis of the Niagara Falls Air Base’s exemplary service to our Country in deployment and its genuine and proven Military value.

Sincerely,

Neil C. Riordan, Mayor

# Village of Youngstown

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## Village of Youngstown Resolution To Preserve and Expand the Niagara Falls Air Base

WHEREAS the men and woman of the 107<sup>th</sup> National Guard and the 914<sup>th</sup> Air Force Reserve have set a national standard for military value, and  
WHEREAS the Niagara Falls Air Base Units wartime refueling and medical deployment is consistently honored and praised for response, efficiency and bravery in severe wartime conditions and are the lead night vision C-130 unit in the reserves, and  
WHEREAS the Niagara Falls Air Base can accommodate eight additional C-130H aircraft without additional military construction and faces no physical encroachment nor air traffic control constraints and has substantive acreage to expand facilities at low cost, and  
WHEREAS the Niagara Falls Air Base not only performs to the highest level for national defense but parallels that performance in protecting our borders in the war on terror, and  
WHEREAS the Niagara Falls Air Base provides vital deployment to protect the Niagara River and Lake Ontario Border crossings adjacent to Youngstown, protects the New York State Power Authority and defends border terrorist and illegal alien entry 24-7,  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED INASMUCH as the Niagara Falls Air Base facility and the brave, expert and dedicated staffs of the 107<sup>th</sup> National Guard and the 914<sup>th</sup> Air Force Reserve exceed the Pentagon's Military value criteria in virtually every category, the Base must remain open and be expanded to continue to be one of the Nation's most vital, efficient and responsive defense assets.

Neil C. Riordan, Mayor  
Village of Youngstown

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Economic Development and Administration DATE: 6/21/2005 RESOLUTION # ED-008-05

Committees

APPROVED BY  
CO. ATTORNEY

REVIEWED BY  
CO. MANAGER

COMMITTEE ACTION

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Approved: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Abs. \_\_\_\_\_ Noes 0

Rejected: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Abs. \_\_\_\_\_ Noes \_\_\_\_\_

Referred: \_\_\_\_\_



**AUTHORIZATION FOR CONSULTING SERVICES REGARDING THE NIAGARA FALLS AIR BASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF NIAGARA AND HYJEK & FIX, INC.**

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara has entered into previous agreements with Hyjek & Fix resulting from the coordination of a local effort to retain the Air Reserve Station at the Niagara Falls International Airport, and

WHEREAS, funds have been provided in the 2005 Niagara County Economic Development budget to provide for such continued service from resolution ED-007-05, and

WHEREAS, the County has previously retained the services of Hyjek & Fix, Inc. to provide for consultative services, which services have insured the continued existence of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Military Affairs Council has expended volunteer time to assist in this local effort, now, therefore, be it

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the Agreement, the County Attorney will review the Agreement for approval as to legal form, language, and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Niagara enter into an agreement with Hyjek & Fix, Inc., providing for consultative services to retain the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station at a sum not to exceed \$110,000.00, to be reimbursed 100% by New York State through Empire State Development, and be it further

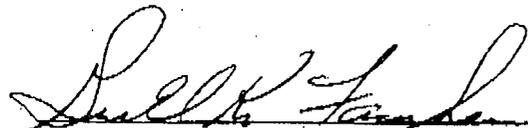
RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Chairman of the Legislature be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the Agreement, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the \$110,000.00 referenced herein above shall be drawn from the following account:

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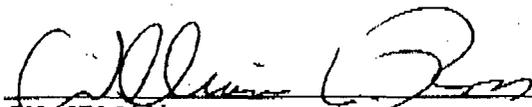


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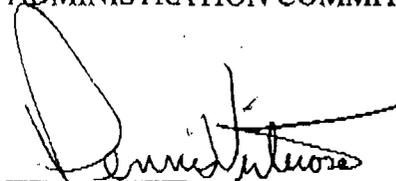


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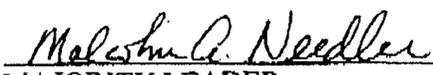
APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:



CHAIRMAN



MINORITY LEADER



MAJORITY LEADER

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CAROL A. MEISSNER, TOWN CLERK  
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# TOWN OF EVANS

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## COUNCILMEN

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**TO:** Senator Charles E. Schumer  
Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Congressman Thomas M. Reynolds  
Congressman Brian M. Higgins  
Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter ✓  
Chairman Anthony J. Principi

**FROM:** Carol A. Meissner, Town Clerk

**DATE:** June 16, 2005

**RE:** Town of Evans support for Niagara Falls  
Air Force Reserve and Guard base.

Councilman Erickson moved and Councilman Csati seconded,

WHEREAS: the Defense Department's recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve and Guard base, and

WHEREAS: it is the opinion of many and of the Town Board of the Town of Evans that such closure is not in the nation's best interest and of this region and

WHEREAS: the country is facing significant challenges in recruiting during war time, and

WHEREAS: this facility is the only remaining major military installation in Western New York and this facility has seemed to have been a key to military recruitment in the past, and

WHEREAS: the impact of this decision will be devastating to the New York Air National Guard and will make the nation's efforts to recruit and retain military personnel even more difficult than it is now,

THEREFORE BE IT,

RESOLVED: that the Evans Town Board stands with Niagara Falls/Western New York community and its support for this base, and its retention and request that the recommendation to close this facility be overruled and that the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve and Guard base remain open and functioning at, at least its present level, and

BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED: that a copy of this resolution be sent to our representatives in the House of Representatives and our Representatives in the Senate as evidence of this support.

CARRIED.

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF ERIE  
TOWN OF EVANS

I, Carol A. Meissner, Town Clerk of the Town of Evans, Erie County, New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Evans at a meeting of said Board held on the 15th day of June, 2005, and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof, and that said original resolution is on file in my office.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that each of the members of said Town Board had due notice of said meeting, and that Robert R. Catalino II, Supervisor, and Karen Erickson, Thomas Csati, Joseph F. Govenettio, Kathleen Bartus, Councilmen, were present at such meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Evans, this 16th day of June, 2005.

Carol A. Meissner  
Town Clerk

# TOWN OF ROYALTON

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## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUED OPERATIONS AT THE NIAGARA FALLS AIR RESERVE STATION

**WHEREAS**, the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station in Niagara Falls, New York, was established some fifty (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 914<sup>th</sup> Air Lift Wing, the 107<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, 865<sup>th</sup> Support Hospital, 288<sup>th</sup> 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 recommendations, and will forward its report to President George W. Bush by September 8, 2005; President George W. Bush will have until September 25, 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 the 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**, the 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 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 eight (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.



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June 20, 2005

Mr. John A. Cooper, Sr. Vice Chairman  
NIMAC  
Post Office Box 321  
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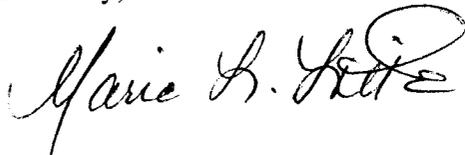
Dear Mr. Cooper,

Enclosed please find a resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Royalton, Niagara County, State of New York, on Monday, June 13, 2005. This resolution is in support of removing the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station from the BRAC list of base closures.

Please feel free to contact me at 716-772-2431 ext. 10 if you have any questions or require any additional information.

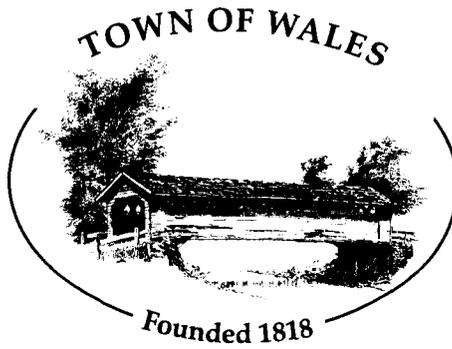
Thank you for your time and consideration regarding the significance of this resolution to our community.

Sincerely,



Marie L. Little  
Royalton Town Clerk

Enclosure



August 15, 2005

Merrell Lane  
c/o NIMAC  
P.O. Box 231  
Niagara Falls, New York 14304-0231

Dear Mr. Lane:

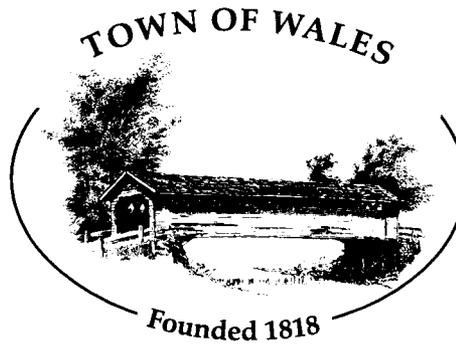
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Your support on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
Sharon Marfurt  
Wales Town Clerk

Enclosure



August 15, 2005

NIMAC  
P.O. Box 231  
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Gentlemen:

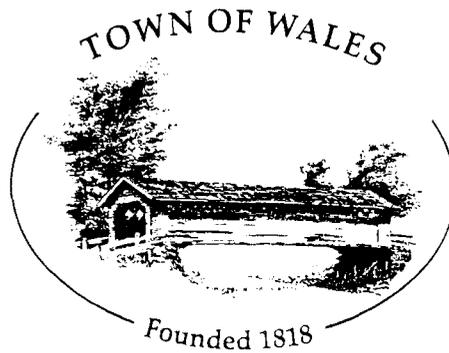
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Enclosure



**RESOLUTION  
IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTINUED OPERATION  
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**WHEREAS**, for nearly 60 years, the United State Air Force Reserve and the New York Air National Guard have maintained a presence at the Niagara Falls International Airport, with the 107<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing of the New York Air National Guard and the 914<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing of the United State Air Force Reserve currently based at the airport, and

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

**WHEREAS**, in the 1990's the 328<sup>th</sup> 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 107<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing and the 914<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing have been activated to serve in important military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq 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 re-paving 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 planed 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,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Wales Town Board does hereby express its strong support for the continued operation of the Niagara Falls Air Base and the presence of the 107<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing and the 914<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Honorable Body calls on the Base Realignment Commission to closely evaluate and to overturn 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 107<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing and the 914<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing for their service to our country, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this Resolution be sent to President George W. Bush, to Senators Charles Schumer and Hillary Rodham Clinton, to Representatives Thomas Reynolds, Louise Slaughter, and Brian Higgins, to Governor George Pataki, to the local delegation of the New York State Legislature, to the BRAC Commission, and to Merrell Lane, Chair of the Niagara Military Affairs Council.

Dated: August 9, 2005

**AYES:** Supervisor Rickey A. Venditti  
Councilman Edmund Bogucki  
Councilman Donald Butcher  
Councilman Howard Lobaugh  
Councilman George Hawley

**NOES:** None

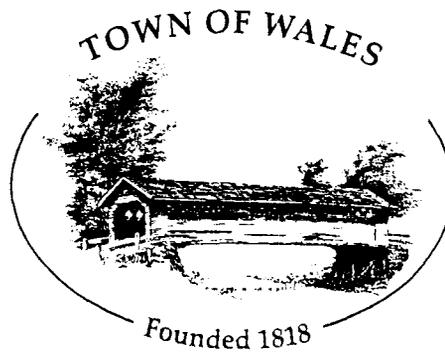
Resolution Adopted

State of New York  
County of Erie

This is to certify that I, Sharon Marfurt, Clerk of the Town of Wales, in the said County of Erie, have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution with the original on file at this office, and which was passed by the Town Board of the Town of Wales on the 9th day of August, 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 15th day of August, 2005.

  
Sharon Marfurt  
Wales Town Clerk



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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Wales Town Board does hereby express its strong support for the continued operation of the Niagara Falls Air Base and the presence of the 107<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing and the 914<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Honorable Body calls on the Base Realignment Commission to closely evaluate and to overturn 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 107<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing and the 914<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing for their service to our country, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this Resolution be sent to President George W. Bush, to Senators Charles Schumer and Hillary Rodham Clinton, to Representatives Thomas Reynolds, Louise Slaughter, and Brian Higgins, to Governor George Pataki, to the local delegation of the New York State Legislature, to the BRAC Commission, and to Merrell Lane, Chair of the Niagara Military Affairs Council.

Dated: August 9, 2005

AYES: Supervisor Rickey A. Venditti  
Councilman Edmund Bogucki  
Councilman Donald Butcher  
Councilman Howard Lobaugh  
Councilman George Hawley

NOES: None

Resolution Adopted

State of New York  
County of Erie

This is to certify that I, Sharon Marfurt, Clerk of the Town of Wales, in the said County of Erie, have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution with the original on file at this office, and which was passed by the Town Board of the Town of Wales on the 9th day of August, 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 15th day of August, 2005.

  
Sharon Marfurt  
Wales Town Clerk



## Mary Jo Hultquist

*Eden Town Clerk - Eden Tax Collector*

2795 East Church Street  
Eden, New York 14057

Phone: 992-3406  
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May 13, 2005

Hon. Charles Schumer  
U.S. Senator  
111 W. Huron Street  
Room 620  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Hon. Hillary Rodham Clinton  
U.S. Senator  
28 Church Street  
Suite 208  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Hon. Brian Higgins  
Congressman  
726 Exchange Street  
Suite 601  
Buffalo, NY 14201

Hon. Thomas Reynolds  
Congressman  
500 Essjay Road  
Suite 260  
Williamsville, NY 14221

Hon. Louise Slaughter  
Congresswoman  
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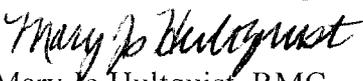
Merrell Lane  
Niagara Military Affairs Council  
P.O. Box 231  
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed with your letter is a copy of a resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Eden at a Regular Meeting held on May 11, 2005

The Eden Town Board urges your support of this legislation.

Sincerely,

  
Mary Jo Hultquist, RMC  
Eden Town Clerk

Cc: Glenn R. Nellis, Supervisor

Enclosure

TOWN OF COLDEN  
COLDEN, N.Y. 14033

RESOLUTION #2005-13  
NIAGARA FALLS AIR FORCE BASE

Excerpt from the minutes of a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colden, 8812 State Road, Colden, Erie County, New York held at the Town Hall in said Town on July 14, 2005, at 7:30 pm as follows:

MOTION made by Supervisor Calhoun and seconded by Councilman Kloiber to adopt the following Resolution.

WHEREAS, in May, 2005 the BRAC Commission released its findings and the Niagara Falls Air Force Base was scheduled for closure, and

WHEREAS, with as the War on Terror continues throughout the world to people of WNY and Northeastern United States have security in knowing this base is here to protect the Northern Borders and the power grid infrastructure that supplies electric to the Northeastern United States, and

WHEREAS, during wartime when the United States of America faces significant recruitment shortcomings for our military, yet the Niagara Falls Air Base has had increases in recruitment throughout our region, and

WHEREAS, since the War on Terror the Niagara Falls Air Base has sent many of our men and women to fight this war, for which we are very proud of them,

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Air Base has also made an important contribution to the local economy in this area,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Colden Town Board goes on record in support of keeping the Niagara Falls Air Force Base opened, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk send a certified copy of this resolution to the President George W. Bush, BRAC Commission, Jim Schaefer, Director of Communications for the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Hillary Clinton, Congressman Brian Higgins and Congressman Thomas Reynolds and Congresswoman Louise Slaughter.

Duly adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005, by the following vote:

Vote: Councilman Terri Kloiber - yes  
Councilman Gerald Pietraszek - yes  
Councilman Annie Hoffman - yes  
Councilman Martin McMahon - yes  
Supervisor Marilynn Calhoun - yes

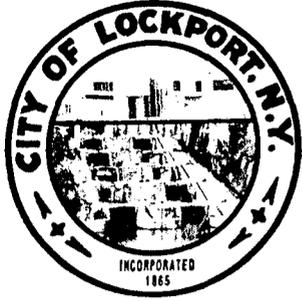
STATE OF NEW YORK  
ERIE COUNTY  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE  
TOWN OF COLDEN

This is to certify that I, ALICE M. WANGELIN, Clerk of the Town of Colden, 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 Colden.

in said County of Erie, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2005.

*Alice M. Wangelin*  
CLERK OF THE TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF COLDEN, N.Y.



# CITY OF LOCKPORT, NEW YORK

LOCKPORT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

ONE LOCKS PLAZA

LOCKPORT, NY 14094

## OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

Richard P. Mullaney, City Clerk/Budget Director  
Denise F. Gugliuzza, Dep. City Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics

Office (716)439-6676  
Fax (716)439-6668

**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

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Seconded by Alderman Kibler and adopted. Ayes 6.

State of New York  
City of Lockport  
Office of the City Clerk

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.

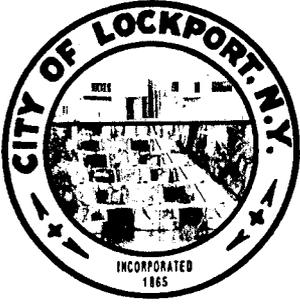
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State of New York  
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RICHARD P. MULLANEY, City Clerk  
City of Lockport

# STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
CLERK'S OFFICE

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, McGARVILLE, 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

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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*

# STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
CLERK'S OFFICE

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:*

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-airesmen 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

ATTEST



KEVIN M. KELLEY  
*Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County*

# town of eden



STATE OF NEW YORK :  
COUNTY OF ERIE : ss:  
TOWN OF EDEN :

I, Mary Jo Hultquist, Town Clerk of the Town of Eden, Erie County, New York, do hereby certify that a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the aforesaid town, held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005, at the East Eden Fire Hall, 8097 East Eden Road, Eden, New York, the following resolution was adopted,

**MOTION** was made by Councilman Walker to approve the adoption of the following resolution:

. **WHEREAS**, the Niagara Military Affairs Council (NIMAC), an all volunteer citizens group fighting the battle to keep the Niagara Air Reserve Station open, has asked us to support their efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Niagara Air Station has more than 3,000 full and part-time employees with almost half of the guard and reservists living in Erie County; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic impact of this base on Western New York is estimated to be well in excess of \$133 million annually; and

**WHEREAS**, the location of this base, closest to our international border with Canada, places a unique value on this base as part of our Homeland Security;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Eden Town Board go on record as supporting the efforts of the Niagara Military Affairs Council and all other volunteers to prevent the closing of the Niagara Air Reserve Station as crucial to the area's economy and the Homeland Security of Western New York; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be forwarded to U.S. Senators Schumer and Clinton as well as Congressmen Higgins, Reynolds and Slaughter and the Niagara Military Affairs Council.

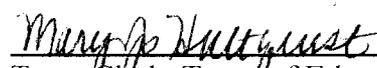
Seconded by Councilman Krycia; All "Ayes"; Motion carried.

I do further certify that the members of the Eden Town Board on May 11, 2005 were as follows:

Glenn R. Nellis, Supervisor	Vincent V. Vacco, Councilman
Mary Lou Pew, Councilwoman	Edward Krycia, Jr., Councilman
Timothy J. Walker, Councilman	

IN WITNESS WHEREOF; I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the said Town of Eden, Erie County, New York, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005.

Seal

  
Town Clerk, Town of Eden, NY

The  
Town of  
Cheektowaga



CHEEKTOWAGA TOWN HALL  
3301 BROADWAY  
CHEEKTOWAGA, NEW YORK 14227  
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dgabryszak@tocny.org

DENNIS H. GABRYSZAK  
TOWN SUPERVISOR

June 7, 2005

Mr. Merrell Lane  
Chairman  
NIMAC  
P.O. Box 231  
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

Dear Mr. Lane:

To do our part to help keep the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station open, my colleagues on the Cheektowaga Town Board and I passed a resolution supporting your efforts to influence the BRAC process. A copy of the resolution is enclosed. The Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station is truly a regional asset, and we hope that the station will be removed from the final BRAC report.

If we may be of greater assistance, please give me a call.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis H. Gabryszak". The signature is written in black ink and extends across the width of the page.

Dennis H. Gabryszak  
Cheektowaga Town Supervisor

OFFICE OF THE TOWN SUPERVISOR



EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF CHEEKTOWAGA TOWN BOARD

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:

**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 914<sup>th</sup> Air Lift Wing, the 107<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, 865<sup>th</sup> Support Hospital, 288<sup>th</sup> 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...

<b>Supervisor Gabryszak</b>	<b>Voting</b>
<b>Councilmember Jaworowicz</b>	<b>Voting</b>
<b>Councilmember Johnson</b>	<b>Voting</b>
<b>Councilmember Swiatek</b>	<b>Voting</b>
<b>Councilmember Jankowiak</b>	<b>Voting</b>
<b>Councilmember Mazur</b>	<b>Voting</b>
<b>Councilmember Magierski</b>	<b>Voting</b>

**AYES:**  
**NAYES:**  
**ABSENT:**