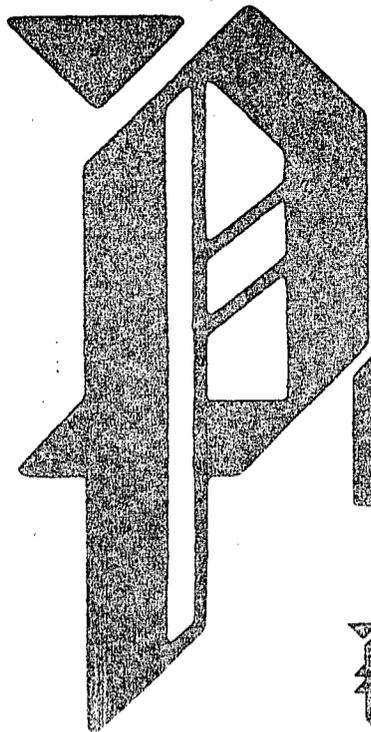


Orange Village, Ohio

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Proclamation

Whereas:

Orange Village Mayor Kathy U. Mulcahy has as one of her primary responsibilities improving the health and welfare of Village residents, which includes ensuring the availability of a diverse selection of employment opportunities in the Greater Cleveland area; and

WHEREAS, the Defense Finance & Accounting Service (DFAS) downtown Cleveland is currently the fourth largest federal employer in Greater Cleveland, with a \$65 million annual payroll; and

WHEREAS, DSAF employs some 1,200 people throughout the region, and provides jobs that are vital to the health of the regional workforce and enrich the ranks of professionals in Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland DFAS office is the world center for Navy payroll services and personnel data management as well as the Reserve Pay Center of Excellence, distributing \$101 billion and serving 2,745,000 military and civilian personnel, retirees and annuitants in FY 2003; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland's DFAS office is an integral part of the system that supports our armed forces, and is a cutting edge model of operational efficiency and customer service for U.S. military pay operations around the world; and

WHEREAS, the loss of these jobs could cost Greater Cleveland an estimated \$128 million, further eroding our regional and state tax base and endangering money for vital services, such as police and fire protection throughout Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland is one of the nation's preeminent financial service centers, home to the headquarters of several large commercial banks and the regional Federal Reserve, and perfectly situated to continue its track record of excellence here well into the future; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense (DOD) has recommended to the Base Closure and Realignment Commission that 1,028 jobs currently performed by the Cleveland DFAS in the Anthony J. Celebrezze Federal Building be relocated to other cities; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation is not a final decision; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance has announced its intentions to work with community partners to fight and reverse DOD's proposal before the Base Realignment and Closure Commission forwards its recommendations to President Bush in September 2005; and

WHEREAS, this proclamation constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF ORANGE VILLAGE

Section 1. The Mayor hereby urges the Base Realignment and Closure Commission to remove the Cleveland office of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service from the list of closures and realignments proposed on May 13, 2005, and retain the 1,028 important federal defense jobs here in Cleveland.

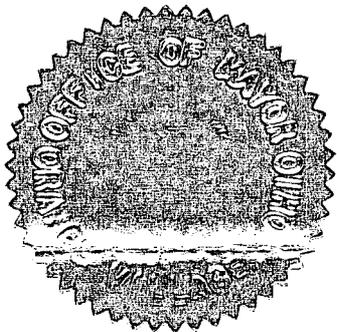
Section 2. The Mayor encourages the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance and the Greater Cleveland Partnership in their advocacy efforts to preserve the region's economic vitality by working to reverse the U.S. Department of Defense's recommendation to realign these professional jobs to other cities.

Section 3. The Mayor will forward copies of this proclamation to President George W. Bush, Congressional Representatives Stephanie Tubbs Jones, Dennis Kucinich, Sherrod Brown and Steven LaTourette, and Senators Mike DeWine and George Voinovich; the appropriate representatives from the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, and the members of the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance.

Section 4. That this proclamation is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately.

Now, therefore, I, Kathy U. Mulcahy, Mayor of Orange Village, State of Ohio, do hereby urge the United States Base Closure and, Realignment Commission to retain 1,028 important federal defense jobs at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in downtown Cleveland and support and encourage the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance and the Greater Cleveland Partnership in their advocacy efforts to protect the region's economic vitality by appealing the recommendation of the United States Department of Defense to realign these jobs to other cities and encouraging their retention; and further commit my support and assistance in this undertaking.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and caused the seal of Orange Village, Ohio to be affixed, this 17th day of June 2005.



Kathy U. Mulcahy
Kathy U. Mulcahy, Mayor