

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Shaker Heights has as one of its primary responsibilities improving the health and welfare of its citizens, 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) in downtown Cleveland is currently the fourth largest federal employer in Greater Cleveland, with a \$65 million annual payroll, and

WHEREAS, DFAS employs some 1,200 people from 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

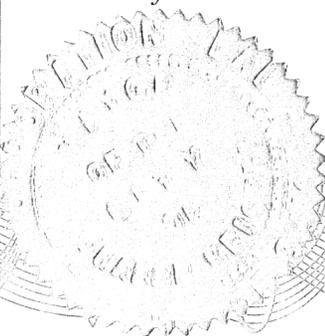
WHEREAS, the Cleveland DFAS office is the world center for Navy payroll services and personnel data management as well as the Reserve Pay Center of Excellence, distributing \$101 billion and serving 2,745,000 military and civilian personnel, retirees and annuitants in FY 2003, and

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,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Judith H. Rawson, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Shaker Heights, Ohio, do hereby urge the Base Realignment and Closure Commission to remove the Cleveland office of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service from the list of closures and retain the important federal defense jobs here in Cleveland.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Shaker Heights to be affixed this 13th day of June in the year two thousand five.



Judith H. Rawson
Judith H. Rawson, Mayor