

**RESOLUTION № 2263-2005****A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE "KEEP CANNON" INITIATIVE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Clovis Army Air Base was activated during World War II and closed at the end of the war; and,

**WHEREAS**, the base was reactivated during the Korean conflict and has been continuously serving the national defense since that time; and,

**WHEREAS**, Cannon Air Force Base has a long history of both combat and peace time service to the safety and security of the country; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Clovis community has strongly supported Cannon Air Force Base, its mission and the United States Air Force personnel and their families; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Defense, on May 13, 2005, announced its recommendation to close Cannon Air Force Base as a part of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) program; and,

**WHEREAS**, Cannon Air Force Base meets all announced criteria governing the base closure evaluation; and,

**WHEREAS**, Cannon Air Force Base has favorable flying conditions, is in close proximity to the Melrose Bomb range, has recently refurbished both runways and other infrastructure, and has infrastructure capable of accommodating an expanded mission; and

**WHEREAS**, through foresight and planning by local and state officials, air right easements have been previously acquired to eliminate encroachment issues that have impacted other Air Force bases; and,

**WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Training Range Initiative should be finalized before the end of 2005, allowing supersonic training at Melrose Bomb Range and the associated military airspace; and,

**WHEREAS**, from the inception of the air expeditionary force (AEF) concept, Cannon Air Force Base has served as a lead wing; and,

**WHEREAS**, Cannon personnel and their families have contributed greatly to the local community, and the local community has provided a supportive home to those military families; and,

**WHEREAS**, the closure of Cannon Air Force Base would have a significant adverse impact on the community, both financially and culturally; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission believes that the closure recommendation fails to follow the announced criteria; and,

**WHEREAS**, Governor Richardson has vowed to lead and support efforts to overcome the recommendation of the Defense Department; and,

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WHEREAS, Congressional leaders have also pledged to lead efforts to overcome the recommendation; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of Clovis, Portales, Curry County, Roosevelt County, eastern New Mexico and west Texas support Cannon Air Force Base and the efforts to resist closure; and,

WHEREAS, City and community leaders have developed a strategy and initiative to collect and present data that will demonstrate that Cannon Air Force Base is a necessary component for the military and security needs of the country far into the future; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission seeks the involvement, support and assistance of all citizens to successfully persuade the BRAC Commission to remove Cannon Air Force Base from the closure list.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Clovis, New Mexico, the Clovis City Commission, to exert whatever means and energy is necessary to obtain the removal of Cannon Air Force Base from the BRAC closure list, and encourages the citizens of Clovis and eastern New Mexico to actively and aggressively support this effort by writing letters, emails and communications showing the support of the community for the continued existence of Cannon Air Force Base.

DONE this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005.

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