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Defense Base Closure and
Realignment Commission
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The INCOG Board of Directors, which represents the five county Tulsa metropolitan area in Oklahoma, has adopted the attached resolution urging the Federal Government to consider expanding the existing mission of the Tulsa Air National Guard Base. Our local governments are supportive of this issue and will work with the interested parties to provide a safe and secure installation.

We urgently request your consideration of this resolution. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Jerry Lasker
Executive Director

Attachment

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT TO EXPAND THE EXISTING
MISSION OF THE TULSA AIR NATIONAL
GUARD BASE.**

WHEREAS, INCOG a voluntary association of local governments in the Tulsa Metropolitan Region is dedicated to the protection of our nation, and to that end, the region provides military installations, personnel and material to ensure our freedom and security around the world, including the war on terror; and

WHEREAS, the Tulsa Air National Guard, located adjacent to Tulsa International Airport, is the home to the 138th Fighter Wing, whose federal mission is to maintain combat forces ready for mobilization and deployment as needed to support national security objectives, and whose local mission is to support the Governor with units organized, equipped and trained in the protection of life, property and public safety;

WHEREAS, the Fighter Wing has 990 Air Guard members assigned to it, along with 337 full-time employees including 224 civil service technicians, 49 Active Guard Reserve, 12 state employees, and 337 contractors; and,

WHEREAS, the Tulsa Air National Guard is a significant contributor to the Tulsa region's financial health and general economy, with approximately \$142.8 million in local economic impact, including its annual payroll exceeding \$30.8 million and \$3.5 million in local fuel purchases; and

WHEREAS, the initial BRAC report issued on May 13 does not recommend closing of the Tulsa Air National Guard Unit; and,

WHEREAS, the INCOG Region stands ready to support an expanded mission for the Tulsa Air National Guard Units and facility.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE INCOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The INCOG Board of Directors urges the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense, Oklahoma's representatives and senators, and other members of the Federal government, including the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC), to maintain America's military preparedness, to preserve Oklahoma's ability to respond to state-wide, national and international emergencies, and to protect the Tulsa Region's economy by retaining and expanding the mission of the Tulsa Air National Guard base.

ADOPTED by the INCOG Board of Directors, this 12th day of May, 2005.



John Selph, Chair

ATTEST:



Susan Neal, Secretary
Vice Chair
Richard Carter