



**HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION 2010-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION  
PROTESTING THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF UNITED STATES JOINT FORCES  
COMMAND (JFCOM) AND REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT, VIRGINIA CONGRESSIONAL  
DELEGATION AND GOVERNOR MCDONNELL TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTIONS ARE  
NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN JFCOM'S PRESENCE IN HAMPTON ROADS**

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Forces Command (JFCOM) originated in 1947 and was formally established in 1997 to provide ready capable joint forces to support the development and integration of joint, interagency and multi-national capabilities to meet the present and future operational needs of the military, as well as to anticipate and prepare for the future demands of the National Defense Strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Defense Business Board, a Pentagon Advisory Board, presented a report to the Secretary of Defense, making recommendations to: i) address unsustainable trends associated with military entitlements; ii) reduce the number of military personnel serving in commercial, non-government activities; iii) eliminate uniformed military personnel in governmental functions that should be occupied by civilian personnel of the U.S. Department of Defense; and iv) streamline and reduce the number and size of combatant commands beginning with the elimination of JFCOM; and

**WHEREAS**, the Defense Business Board also stated a need to perform more in-depth study of the JFCOM issue, which has not yet been undertaken; and

**WHEREAS**, Secretary of Defense Gates, on August 9, 2010, officially recommended to the President of the United States that JFCOM be closed; and

**WHEREAS**, the closure of JFCOM would have an immediate and continuing severe detrimental effect on the military's ability to jointly address threats to national security and would greatly weaken the effectiveness and efficiency of the individual uniformed services to function as one cohesive and joint military force to counter, among other things, worldwide terrorism; and

**WHEREAS**, the existence and location of JFCOM played the definitive role in the establishment and continuation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO's) Supreme Allied Command - Transformation (SAC-T) component, as the only United States-based NATO command, co-located adjacent to JFCOM headquarters, the impact of which is not included in the economic impacts discussed above; and

**WHEREAS**, if JFCOM is closed the continued operation of NATO's SAC-T command in the Hampton Roads region may also be placed at risk; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed closure of JFCOM is not being carried out in accordance with Federal law, particularly Title 10 of the U.S. Code, Section 2687, which was established to ensure that Congress has sufficient time and opportunity to review DOD proposals that result in the closure or realignment of significant military facilities, which JFCOM surely is; and

**WHEREAS**, JFCOM currently employs over 6,324 people in Norfolk, Suffolk and elsewhere, including more than 5,600 in Hampton Roads; and

**WHEREAS**, total employment in Hampton Roads, which is attributable to JFCOM and its activities is roughly 10,800 and these employees reside throughout Hampton Roads; and

**WHEREAS**, JFCOM has an annual budget of \$704 million, which contributes more than \$901 million to Gross Regional Product and more than \$560 million to Personal Income in Hampton Roads; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hampton Roads Region, including the Cities of Chesapeake, Franklin, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach and Williamsburg and the Counties of Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, Southampton, Surry and York County, is united in the effort to maintain JFCOM and the preparedness of our military; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission hereby requests that the Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation and all elements of the government of the Commonwealth of Virginia are requested to urgently do all things necessary to maintain the current level of JFCOM activities; and

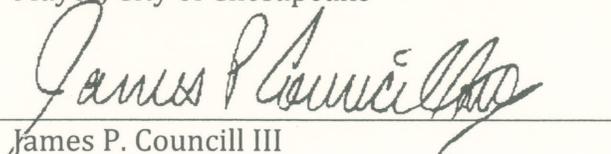
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that maintaining JFCOM activities at the current level will not only be beneficial for the economy of Hampton Roads and the Commonwealth, but also critical to support our military men and women who are fighting wars on two different fronts, while also being called upon to, along with our allies, jointly address threats throughout the world; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the proposed closure should be undertaken either as part of a base realignment and closure process as established within the strict intent and impact of 10 USC 260-2687.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission this 15th day of September, 2010.

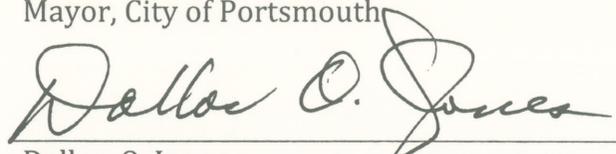
  
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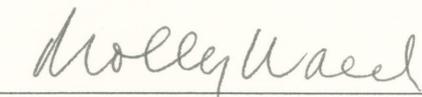
  
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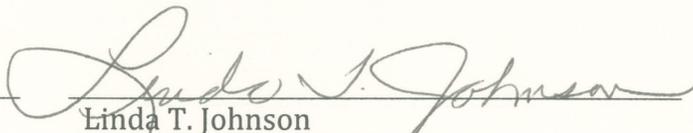
  
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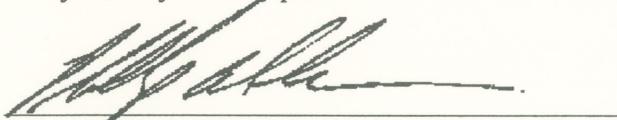
  
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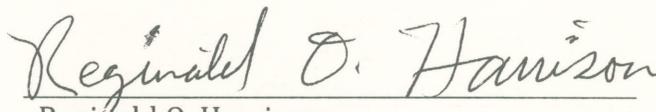
  
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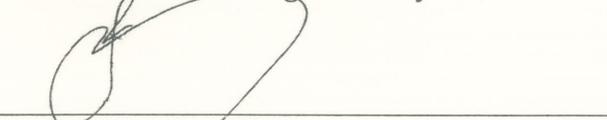
  
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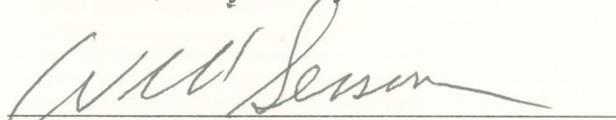
  
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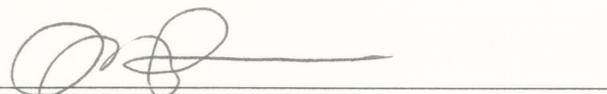
  
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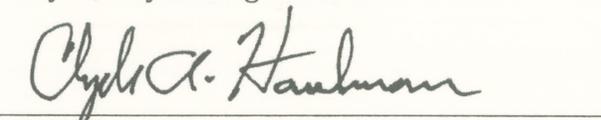
  
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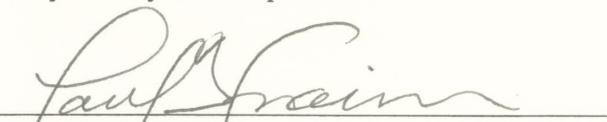
  
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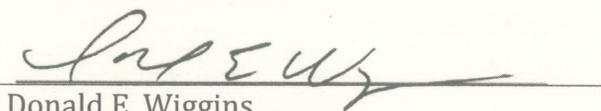
  
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