

States based NATO command, co-located adjacent to JFCOM headquarters, the impact of which is not included in the over \$700 million impact mentioned above; and

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

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads region is united in this effort to maintain JFCOM and the preparedness of our military.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia that it strongly opposes the Secretary of Defense's recommendation to close the United States Joint Forces Command; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Governor Robert McDonnell and the Commonwealth's Congressional and General Assembly delegations are urgently requested to 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 now 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 that the proposed closure of JFCOM should be undertaken either as part of a base realignment and closure process as established by Congress or within the strict intent and impact of 10 USC 260-2687; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Portsmouth stands ready to work diligently with the localities of the Hampton Roads region to maintain JFCOM and ensure the preparedness of our military.

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia at a meeting held on August 24, 2010.

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City Clerk