

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 10-R-061**

### **A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA REJECT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE REGARDING THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE UNITED STATES JOINT FORCES COMMAND (USJFCOM)**

WHEREAS, the country is actively engaged in fighting on two fronts and joint interoperability among the military branches is absolutely critical and requires considerable coordination among the services; and

WHEREAS, the ability to engage in multiple engagements as a joint force has always been a hallmark of the military strength of the United States and the USJFCOM develops and trains the expertise required by the military to orchestrate its forces to operate jointly in what remains a very dangerous and threatening world; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation to close the USJFCOM by the Secretary of Defense will result in the loss of approximately 10,000 jobs in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, sixty-nine percent (69%) of the USJFCOM facilities are located in the City of Suffolk, Virginia, and the closure of this facility would have a devastating economic impact on the local economy including business closures directly and indirectly related to USJFCOM as well as higher unemployment; and

WHEREAS, the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) legislation has been established by the Congress to ensure that sufficient time and opportunity is available for review of such proposals in an open and transparent manner, and the BRAC process ensures that such critical base infrastructure closure and realignment decisions are made only after a complete review, without political interference and within the national strategic framework; and

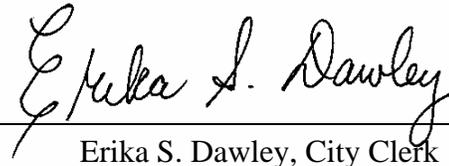
WHEREAS, the closure of one of the United Combat Commands of the United States Armed Forces should be considered as a significant base realignment and closure action that must be treated as such and follow the BRAC process so that the significant USJFCOM closure, and its impact on national security and the potential negative economic result on the Commonwealth of Virginia as a whole may be appropriately considered; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Virginia along with the Hampton Roads Federal and State elected delegation and regional partners have expressed deep concern and disappointment in the announcement of the Secretary of Defense and have urged the Department of Defense to conduct a more complete review of USJFCOM's mission and enlist the BRAC process without a predisposed intent to close the command.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council of the City of Suffolk that we respectfully request that the President of the United States reject the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense to close USJFCOM and require that any such recommendation be subjected to the BRAC process so that the necessary analytical research and public input process may be a part of any decision relative to the future of the USJFCOM.

READ AND ADOPTED: AUGUST 18, 2010

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Handwritten signature of Erika S. Dawley in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.

Erika S. Dawley, City Clerk