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

WHEREAS, the mission of JFCOM is 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, JFCOM currently employs between Norfolk, Suffolk and elsewhere in Hampton Roads, over 6,324 people including 5600 in Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, JFCOM has an operating budget of \$704 million; and

WHEREAS, the Defense Business Board, a Pentagon Advisory Board, presented a report making many recommendations including the elimination of JFCOM; and

WHEREAS, the Defense Business Board Report also stated a need to do more in-depth study which has not been done on the JFCOM issue; and

WHEREAS, Secretary of Defense Gates on August 9, 2010 officially recommended 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 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 proposed closure of JFCOM is not being done in accordance with Federal Law, particularly Title 10 of

the U.S. Code, § 2687 which was established to ensure that Congress has sufficient time and opportunity to review the DOD proposal that resulted in the closure realignment of significant military facilities which JFCOM surely is; and

WHEREAS, Norfolk is united with the Hampton Roads region in this effort to maintain JFCOM and the preparedness of our military; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1: That the Congressional Delegation and State Government be requested to urgently do all things necessary to maintain the current level of JFCOM activities.

Section 2: That maintaining JFCOM activities at the current level will be not only 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.

Section 3: That the proposed closure of JFCOM should be undertaken either as part of a base realignment and closure process as established by City Council or within the strict intent and impact of 10 USC 260-2687.

Section 4: That this resolution shall be in effect from and after its adoption.

Adopted by Council August 24, 2010
Effective August 24, 2010

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