

REQUESTED BY MAYOR SESSOMS

1 A RESOLUTION PROTESTING THE PROPOSED
2 CLOSURE OF UNITED STATES JOINT FORCES
3 COMMAND (JFCOM) AND REQUESTING THE VIRGINIA
4 CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND GOVERNOR
5 MCDONNELL TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTIONS ARE
6 NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN JFCOM'S PRESENCE IN
7 HAMPTON ROADS
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9 WHEREAS, the mission of JFCOM is to provide ready capable joint forces to
10 support the development and integration of joint, interagency, and multi-national
11 capabilities to meet the present and future operational needs of the military, as well as
12 to anticipate and prepare for the future demands of the National Defense Strategy; and
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14 WHEREAS, JFCOM currently employs between Norfolk, Suffolk and elsewhere,
15 over 6,324 people including 5600 in Hampton Roads; and
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17 WHEREAS, JFCOM has an operating budget of \$704 million; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Defense Business Board, a Pentagon Advisory Board,
20 presented a report making many recommendations including the need to address
21 unsustainable trends associated with military entitlements, the reduction of the number
22 of military personnel serving in commercial non-government activities, the elimination of
23 uniformed personnel serving in governmental activities that should be occupied by
24 Department of Defense (DOD) civilian employees, and most importantly, reduction of
25 the number and size of Combatant Commands beginning with the elimination of JFCOM
26 and streamlining other commands and Operational Services Division (OSD) regulations;
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29 WHEREAS, the Defense Business Board Report also stated a need to do more
30 in-depth study which has not been done on the JFCOM issue; and
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32 WHEREAS, Secretary of Defense Gates on August 9, 2010 officially
33 recommended that JFCOM be closed; and
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35 WHEREAS, the closure of JFCOM would have an immediate and continuing
36 severe detrimental effect on the military's ability to jointly address threats to national
37 security and would greatly weaken the effectiveness and efficiency of the individual
38 uniformed services to function as one cohesive and joint military force to counter,
39 among other things, worldwide terrorism; and
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41 WHEREAS, the existence and location of JFCOM played *the* definitive role in the
42 establishment and continuation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO's)
43 Supreme Allied Command – Transformation (SAC-T) component, as the only United

44 States based NATO command, co-located adjacent to JFCOM headquarters, the impact
45 of which is not included in the over \$700 million impact mentioned above; and
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47 WHEREAS, if JFCOM is closed the continued operation of NATO's SAC-T
48 command in the Hampton Roads region may also well be placed at risk.
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50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
51 VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA THAT:
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53 The Congressional Delegation and State Government are urgently requested to
54 do all things necessary to maintain the current level of JFCOM activities; and
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56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:
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58 Maintaining JFCOM activities at the current level will be not only beneficial for the
59 economy of Hampton Roads and the Commonwealth but also critical to support our
60 military men and women who are now fighting wars on two different fronts, while also
61 being called upon to, along with our allies, jointly address threats throughout the world;
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64 WHEREAS, the proposed closure of JFCOM is being done without any regard for
65 Federal Law, particularly Title 10 of the U.S. Code, § 2687 which was established to
66 ensure that Congress has sufficient time and opportunity to review the DOD proposal
67 that resulted in the closure realignment of significant military facilities which JFCOM
68 surely is; and
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70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:
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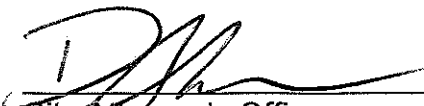
72 The proposed closure of JFCOM should be undertaken either as part of a base
73 realignment and closure process as established by Congress or, alternatively, within the
74 strict intent and impact of 10 U.S.C. 2687; and
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76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:
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78 The Hampton Roads Region is united in this effort to maintain JFCOM and the
79 preparedness of our military.

Adopted by the Council of the City of Virginia Beach this 24th day of
August, 2010.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



City Attorney's Office

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