## RESOLUTION 2014 - 75

## A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN SUPPORT OF PRESERVATION, GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NEW JERSEY MILITARY FACILITIES

WHEREAS, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, Picatinny Arsenal, Naval Weapons Station Earle, the 177th Air National Guard Wing in Atlantic City, the Cape May Coast Guard Training Center, are major federal assets in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Rutgers Economic Advisory Serviced, R/ECON recently conducted a study which measured and modeled the economic contribution to the State's economy of our military installations; and

WHEREAS, the Rutgers Economic Advisory Service determined that, in net, the federal government spent nearly \$4.8 billion within the state, which generates over 45,600 jobs that pay about \$2.6 billion and add about \$3.8 billion of wealth to state residents; and

WHEREAS, the \$4.8 billion in annual federal spending results in \$9.6 billion in net business revenues; and

WHEREAS, of this total, over \$4.5 billion in net wealth was added in the form of Gross Domestic Product by the State; and

WHEREAS, of this GDP total, over \$4.0 billion is in the form of labor income that supports an estimated 73,234 jobs, a number greater than the combined employment of the State's communications and chemical industries; and

WHEREAS, all New Jersey military installations make significant individual and collective contributions to the capabilities of our Armed Forces and our national security; and

WHEREAS, maintaining and expanding this military core is nearly as critical for its continued economic welfare as it is to the State's homeland security missions; and

WHEREAS, in an era of Federal fiscal austerity, policymakers in our Nation's Capital will be asked to consider proposals to reduce defense spending and the size of our uniformed services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Governor and the State Senate and Assembly, should take immediate steps to protect these valuable military assets, in recognition of their vital importance to our Nation's and our State's security; angd

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Borough of Mount Arlington joins with other New Jersey municipalities in calling on elected officials serving New Jersey at all levels of government to work in concert to promote the preservation, growth and development of our New Jersey military facilities.

I, Linda DeSantis, Clerk of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of said Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

Linda DeSantis, RMC

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Borough Clerk