

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**

**MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**No.** R-117-14

**Date of Adoption:** July 21, 2014

**Title or Subject:** RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE THE PRESERVATION, GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW JERSEY MILITARY FACILITIES

**WHEREAS,** Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, Picatinny Arsenal, Naval Weapons Station Earle, the 177<sup>th</sup> Air National Guard Wing in Atlantic City, and the Cape May Coast Guard Training Center are major Federal Military Assets in New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS,** the Rutgers Economic Advisory Service, E/ECON recently conducted a study measuring and modeling the economic contribution to the state’s economy of our Federal Military installations; and

**WHEREAS,** the Rutgers Economic Advisory Service determined that, in net, the Federal Government spent nearly \$4.8 billion within the state, generating over 45,600 jobs which pay \$2.6 billion in salaries and add \$3.8 billion of wealth to New Jersey residents; and

**WHEREAS,** the aforesaid \$4.8 billion in Federal Spending in New Jersey generates \$9.6 billion in net business revenues here; and

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

**WHEREAS,** of this Gross Domestic Product total, over \$4.0 billion is in the form of labor income that support and estimated 73,234 jobs; and

**WHEREAS,** all New Jersey’s 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 New Jersey’s continued economic welfare as it is to its 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 service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Morris in the State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Governor and the New Jersey State Legislature are strongly urged to take immediate steps to protect these valuable military assets, in recognition of their vital importance to our Nation’s and our State’s security.
2. That the Township of Washington joins with other New Jersey counties and 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.
3. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all our local state representatives, to the Honorable Governor of the State of New Jersey, Chris Christie, and to the New Jersey League of Municipalities, urging them to adopt similar resolutions.

**ATTEST:**

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**

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Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk

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Kenneth W. Short, Mayor

I, Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Committee held on July 21, 2014.

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Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk

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Date