

SAHUARITA RESOLUTION NO. 2014-0382

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SAHUARITA, ARIZONA, IN SUPPORT OF DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE AND THE A-10 MISSION; REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FLYING MISSIONS; SUPPORTING EXPANSION AND EXTENSION OF BASE MILITARY OPERATIONS.

WHEREAS, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base has been a fixture in Pima County since the nucleus of what would ultimately become the base was formally dedicated in 1927 by Charles Lindbergh, months after his crossing of the Atlantic; and

WHEREAS, Davis-Monthan transitioned to full military operations in 1940; and

WHEREAS, the first production A-10 Thunderbolt II jet aircraft was delivered to Davis-Monthan in October 1975 and it is now the main aircraft stationed at the Base; and

WHEREAS, the venerable jet has effectively served ground troops and been hailed for its maneuverability at low speeds and altitudes, as well as its ability to loiter near combat areas for extended periods of time; and

WHEREAS, significant financial investments have upgraded the aircraft's electronics and wings as a means to extend its life until at least 2028; and

WHEREAS, Davis-Monthan plays a key role in keeping America safe, with as many as 2,000 airmen deployed around the world, engaged in combat operations; and

WHEREAS, based on our unparalleled flying weather and training environment, which includes our proximity to critical training ranges, such as the Barry M. Goldwater Range, Davis-Monthan has assisted the United States Air Force in producing proficient and professional combat pilots; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2012, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base contributed approximately \$1.1 billion to the local community, employing more than 3,300 civilians and creating nearly 4,700 jobs in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sahuarita and other Pima County voters have long supported protecting Base operations, approving a 2004 bond question in the amount of \$10 million to purchase open space to reduce the threat of encroachment by protecting the departure corridor; and

WHEREAS, Davis-Monthan is a positive contributor to our environment with the recent dedication of a 16.4 megawatt solar array that is the largest of its kind on any United States Department of Defense installation; and

WHEREAS, Davis-Monthan personnel are not only contributors to our economy, they are our neighbors and friends; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sahuarita is proud of the role Davis-Monthan plays in the defense of our country; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Sahuarita are strongly committed to supporting an ongoing presence and multiple missions at Davis-Monthan to assist the broad defense objectives of the United States Department of Defense.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Sahuarita, Arizona, support Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and all missions. Additionally, if the United States Air Force transitions to another mission at Davis-Monthan, the Town Council would be fully supportive of any new mission, flying or otherwise, that could be supported by Davis-Monthan or other bases in our region.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Sahuarita, Arizona, this 24th day of March, 2014.



Mayor Duane Blumberg

APPROVED:



Daniel J. Hochuli
Town Attorney

ATTEST:



Lisa Cole, CMC
Town Clerk

