

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ITS OFFICE OF MILITARY AND DEFENSE SERVICES IN OPPOSITION TO BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE AT NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTER, CORONA DIVISION AND MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE

WHEREAS, the United States Navy's Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division and March Air Reserve Base are located in the County of Riverside, California; and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy's Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division is a major employer in the Southern California Region and a major contributor to the region's economy; and

WHEREAS, March Air Reserve Base is a major employer in the Southern California region and a major contributor to the region's economy; and

WHEREAS, combined, these two military installations generate an annual pay roll approaching \$1 billion dollars for local workers in the civilian and military workforces at both bases; and

WHEREAS, Defense Department contracts in Riverside County and its twenty-eight cities combined for \$5 billion in direct payment from the federal govern to nine hundred small business owners, which in turn creates thousands of direct and indirect jobs in our region; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Secretary of Defense of the United States of America has repeatedly recommended the Senate and Congress authorize the closing of military bases domestically and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Secretary of Defense of the United States of America has specifically requested that another Base Realignment and Closure Commission be authorized in the near future to close military bases across the nation and around the globe; and

WHEREAS, March Air Reserve Base and Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division are assets to the United States Armed Forces and both installations provide unique missions in support of our national security and disaster response that make the bases ideal to be used as national models for military and defense missions; and

WHEREAS, both installations have been reviewed by prior Base Realignment and Closure Commissions resulting in March Air Force Base being reduced to a Reserve Installation and Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division also being impacted adversely; and

WHEREAS, Base Realignment and Closure of the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Divisions, and March Air Reserve Base will adversely impact the regional economy of Riverside County and its twenty-eight cities; and

WHEREAS, the reuse of lands outside the cantonment area of March Air Reserve Base has not progressed for a variety of reasons related to the Great Recession and lack of capitol availability for financing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals

That the recitals set forth above are true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein as findings of the City Council

Section 2. Opposition to Base Realignment and Closure

That the City Council does hereby support the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors and its Office of Military and Defense Services in opposition to another round of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) as it relates to the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division and March Air Reserve Base. We respect that our federal representatives in the Senate and the House also opposed any cuts, reductions, realignment or missions and resources assigned to these two installations. Furthermore, the City of Desert Hot Springs is also opposed to the elimination or realignment of military and civilian jobs at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division and March Air Reserve Base. These jobs and missions of the Military Department of the State of California, and the Active Duty and State and Federal Reserve forces are assets to the communities they serve and play a leading role in keeping our nation safe and secure.

Section 3. City Manager's Authority

That the City Manager, or his designee, are hereby authorized to take any and all actions and to execute all documents, which may be necessary to implement and administer the purposes set forth in this resolution.

Section 4. Effective Date

That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Section 5. Certification

That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution, enter the same in the book of original resolutions of the City and make a minute of passage and adoption thereof in the records of the proceedings of the City Council in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

Section 6. Severability

That if any provision of this resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this resolution are severable and that the City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this resolution irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Desert Hot Springs at a regular meeting held on the 2nd day of December, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jerryl Soriano, CMC, City Clerk

Adam Sanchez, Sr., Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steven B. Quintanilla, City Attorney