

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk
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RESOLUTION #2012-11

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE MICHIGAN CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION PREVENT TO CONTINUED LOSS OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FORCE STRUCTURE AND EVENTUAL CLOSURE OF SELFRIDGE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE

WHEREAS, like an auto assembly plant that loses its production models, for an air force base that loses its air frames closure is only a matter of time; and

WHEREAS, Congressional approval of past Defense Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Commission reports resulted in Michigan becoming the largest state in the nation without a full-service active duty military base; and

WHEREAS, Selfridge Air National Guard Base is the closest approximation of a full-service military facility remaining in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Selfridge ANGB hosts the only Commissary and Exchange remaining in a state that ranks eighth in population and eleventh in the number of veterans, facilities that are critical to providing services to current Michigan service members and their families, veterans and military retirees; and

WHEREAS, the results of the 2005 BRAC have been to reduce services to current Michigan service members and their families, veterans and military retirees without significant overall savings to the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, ten years of armed conflict have put huge demands on the thousands of Michiganders serving in uniform and their families, creating a need for more follow-on services that is not being met by the current level of Department of Defense funding allocated to Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Selfridge ANGB is the only reserves forces installation with permanently assigned units from all five branches of the uniformed services, the Michigan National Guard and local unit commanders have created a model of success for other installations to follow in their execution of past Congressional guidance that military services create cost savings by working together in a joint environment. In addition, reserve component units cost a fraction of the amount of a comparable active component unit.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Alger County Board of Commissioners hereby asks the Michigan Congressional delegation to show their support for past and present Michigan service members and their families by preventing the US Air Force from implementing a reduction of the number of aircraft and airmen stationed at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Michigan Congressional delegation take the necessary steps to restore the support services taken away from past and present Michigan service members and their families as a result of the 2005 BRAC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Michigan Congressional Delegation, the United States Secretary of Defense, President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Governor of Michigan and both legislative house and the other county Boards of Commissioners.

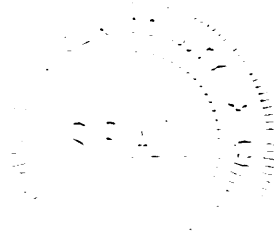
Dated: July 16, 2012


Jerry Boucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
County of Alger)

I, Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk of the County of Alger and of the County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting on July 16, 2012.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Alger, this July 25, 2012 at Munising, Michigan.





Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk