

Introduced By: Mayor Cleworth
Date: April 9, 2012

RESOLUTION NO. 4521

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OUR CONCERN AND OPPOSITION TO
MOVEMENT OF THE 18TH AGGRESSOR SQUADRON AT EIELSON AFB TO JOINT
BASE ELMENDORF/RICHARDSON (JBER)**

WHEREAS, the USAF Force Structure Adjustments includes the realignment of the 18th Aggressor Squadron based at Eielson AFB to Joint Base Elmendorf/Richardson (JBER); and

WHEREAS, normal programming actions were not followed in considering FY 2013 Budget Submission Programming Actions, and no site survey was conducted prior to the announcement which would analyze both financial and logistical data; and

WHEREAS, no cost savings have been identified, which raises many questions about the feasibility of the move; and

WHEREAS, the geographic location of Eielson gives it a strategic advantage in several theaters of operation, an advantage that is shared by few other bases; and

WHEREAS, the training opportunities afforded by the 63,000 square mile range adjacent to Eielson offer a resource that is unmatched elsewhere; and

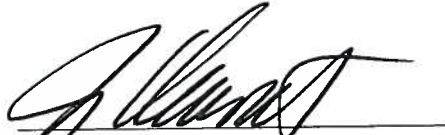
WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has made a large capital investment of \$80,000,000 to help provide access to the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex near Eielson AFB, strongly showing our commitment to the military in the interior of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, our Congressional Delegation has expressed their concern and dismay with the process, the lack of information that has been provided to them, and the justification for the move; and

WHEREAS, the Council is extremely concerned about the lack of transparency in this process, the ability to provide input up front, especially when considering the real costs associated with the move, the loss of the logistical importance that Eielson affords, and the effect it will have on families relocating, considering the disparity in the housing markets at both locations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairbanks City Council opposes the Air Force's plan to relocate the 18th Aggressor Squadron from Eielson AFB to Joint Base Elmendorf/Richardson (JBER).


PASSED and APPROVED this 9th Day of April, 2012.



Jerry Cleworth, Mayor

AYES: PASSED and APPROVED on the Consent Agenda
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED: April 9, 2012

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

for 
Janey Hovenden, City Clerk CMC


Paul Ewers, City Attorney