

AMENDMENT # 1

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1 Page 1, line 3, following "Base":

2 Insert "or Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson"

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4 Page 1, lines 5 - 6:

5 Delete all material and insert:

6 "WHEREAS, on February 25, 2014, the United States Air Force, as a matter of
7 critical importance, announced five contesting locations in the Asia-Pacific theater for basing
8 F-35 aircraft; and"

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10 Page 1, following line 6:

11 Insert new material to read:

12 "WHEREAS Eielson Air Force Base and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson are the
13 only candidates for basing F-35 aircraft on United States soil; and"

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15 Page 1, line 12, following "Base":

16 Insert "and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson"

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18 Page 1, line 15:

19 Delete "plays"

20 Insert "and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson play"

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22 Page 2, line 3, following "Base":

23 Insert "or Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson"

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Page 2, line 5:

Delete "serves"

Insert "and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson serve"

Page 2, line 11:

Delete "the ideal installation at which to base"

Insert "a highly rated installation for basing"

Page 2, lines 24 - 28:

Delete all material.

Page 3, lines 7 - 8:

Delete all material.

Page 3, following line 11:

Insert new material to read:

"WHEREAS Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson is the largest military installation in Alaska and is home to the Alaskan Command, Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, 11th Air Force Third Wing, United States Army Alaska headquarters, 4th Brigade Combat Team's 25th Infantry Division, Third Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, 477th Fighter Group, Alaska Army National Guard, Alaska Air National Guard, and more than 60 other organizations; and

WHEREAS Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson covers 84,530 acres; and

WHEREAS members of the United States Army stationed at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson are at the forefront of protecting the nation's interest in the volatile regions of the Asian-Pacific and provide ready and relevant forces to overseas contingency operations; and

WHEREAS Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson continues to grow in size and importance because of its strategic location near the Pacific and the Arctic; and

WHEREAS Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson has access to world-class training facilities; and

1 **WHEREAS** Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson has proved to be a suitable host for
2 many other military aircraft including the C-17 Globemaster III, F-22 Raptor, C12F Huron, E-
3 3 Sentry, C-130 Hercules, UH 60 A/I Black Hawk, and the HH 60 Pave Hawk; and

4 **WHEREAS** the Alaska North American Aerospace Defense Command Region
5 safeguards the air sovereignty of North America, responds to all air sovereignty threats, trains
6 to meet all response options on a no-notice basis, maintains infrastructure to support the air
7 defense mission, and integrates space and new technologies to support those missions; and

8 **WHEREAS** the 11th Air Force provides mission-ready and deployable forces,
9 provides secure and efficient air base operations, improves the premier joint training
10 environment of the state, and modernizes Air Force facilities and support; and

11 **WHEREAS** Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson is home to the Alaskan Command, an
12 organization that integrates military activities in the state, maximizes readiness, and supports
13 worldwide contingency force deployments; and

14 **WHEREAS** the Joint Task Force Alaska, an organization that deters, prevents, and
15 defeats terrorist threats within the Alaska Joint Operations Area and that executes Defense
16 Support of Civil Authorities, is located at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson; and

17 **WHEREAS** Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson is an important part of the Anchorage
18 community, hosting approximately 12,000 Arctic warriors, approximately 20,000 family
19 members, and more than 2,000 civilian employees; and

20 **WHEREAS** Eielson Air Force Base and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson anchor the
21 world's largest joint air, land, sea, subsea, space, and electromagnetic training assets; enjoy
22 minimal airspace congestion throughout Alaska; and enable joint training venues that support
23 large military live-fire exercises, force-on-force training, unmanned aerial vehicle operations,
24 and supersonic flights; and

25 **WHEREAS**, as compared to overseas Pacific installations, Eielson Air Force Base
26 and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson are more cost-effective to maintain; and"

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28 Page 3, line 18, following "Base":

29 Insert "or Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson"