

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF SAN DIEGO’S MILITARY SECTOR
TO THE WELL-BEING OF SAN DIEGO’S ECONOMY AND ENDORSING LOCAL
EFFORTS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF SPENDING
CUTS ON THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BUDGET”

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego has a long history of working with the military, the Department of the Navy has a large physical presence in the City, and military installations are a pillar of stability for the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the City’s 2012 Legislative Program notes that the City’s priorities include the protection of “local defense funding and programs as 2013 federal trigger cuts are debated and developed;” and

WHEREAS, San Diego Military Advisory Council’s *2012 Economic Impact Study* by the Fermanian Business and Economic Institute at Point Loma Nazarene University, states that “An estimated total of \$20.6 billion of direct spending related to defense will flow into San Diego County during fiscal year 2012...” and “The military sector is responsible for 311,000 of the region’s total jobs in 2012 after accounting for all of the ripple effects of defense spending,” representing one out of every four jobs in San Diego’s economy; and

WHEREAS, according to the San Diego Military Advisory Council’s *2012 Economic Impact Study*, “Defense-related activities and spending will generate \$32 billion of gross regional product for San Diego County in fiscal year 2012,” and “Each defense-related dollar entering San Diego generates additional jobs, income, and output as orders feed through the supply chain and workers employed throughout that chain spend some of their resulting incomes on the region’s goods and services;” and

WHEREAS, according to the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation’s presentation at the July 23, 2012 San Diego City Council Committee on Economic Development and Strategies, the federal Budget Control Act of 2011 states an approximate \$500 billion cut will impact defense spending over 10 years, and potential sequestration reductions would take an additional \$500 billion from the Department of Defense budget, effective January 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation estimates that 31,000 jobs could be lost as a result of cuts to the Department of Defense budget in the San Diego region; and

WHEREAS, local efforts are underway by the Mayor and local business and military organizations, collectively known as “Operation San Diego,” to highlight the potential impacts of

Department of Defense spending cuts, and to develop and sustain a comprehensive region-wide strategy to protect and grow San Diego’s military assets; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of San Diego, that the City Council recognizes the importance of San Diego’s military sector to the well-being of San Diego’s economy and endorses local efforts to raise awareness about the negative impact of spending cuts on the Department of Defense budget.

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