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**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATOR DIXON**

Re: Opposing Closure of the Niagara Falls Air Base

WHEREAS, the direct impact of Niagara Falls Air Force Base on the economy of Western New York is well in excess of \$100 million annually; and

WHEREAS, the indirect impact of Niagara Falls Air Force Base on Western New York is even higher; and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Air Force Base is important to the operation of Air Force Reserve and Guard operations in the northeastern United States and especially in New York State because of its status as the only remaining Air Force Reserve Base in New York State; and

WHEREAS, many citizens from Erie County are Reservists stationed at the Niagara Falls Air Force Base, defending the United States from threats across the globe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby opposes closing or reducing operations at the Niagara Falls Air Base; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the local delegation of the United States Congress.

Fiscal Impact: None.