

RESOLUTION NO. 2013- 12

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR BASING U.S. AIR FORCE F-35A JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT AT THE FLORIDA AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE AT JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, our community supports our national defense and values the military families that live, work and contribute to our communities and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the 125th Fighter Wing, Florida Air National Guard, protects the air sovereignty of the Southeastern United States, including the skies of our neighboring City of Jacksonville, keeping our citizens safe, every minute of every day; and

WHEREAS, basing the F-35A in Jacksonville would result in the guaranteed continuation of more than 1,000 jobs at the 125th Fighter Wing, and a corresponding economic impact to Northeast Florida; and

WHEREAS, the F-35A is the most advanced aircraft in the U.S. Air Force, delivering cutting edge capability to our national security, and the 125th Fighter Wing is one of the top fighter units in the Air National Guard. It is indeed an honor for our home unit to be among the top 3 for consideration; and

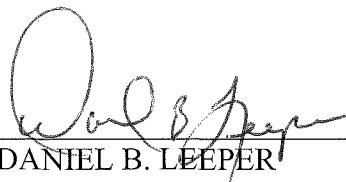
WHEREAS, the City of Jacksonville reviewed studies that evaluated the environmental impact of basing the F-35A Aircraft in Jacksonville, and found no negative impact to safety, air quality, biological resources, cultural and traditional resources, or environmental justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

The Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida wholeheartedly welcomes the opportunity to provide a location to base the U.S. Air Force 5th Generation Multi-Role Joint Strike Fighter Aircraft, the F-35A, at the Florida Air National Guard Base at the Jacksonville International Airport.

DULY ADOPTED this 20th day of February, 2013.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



DANIEL B. LEEPER

Its: Chairman

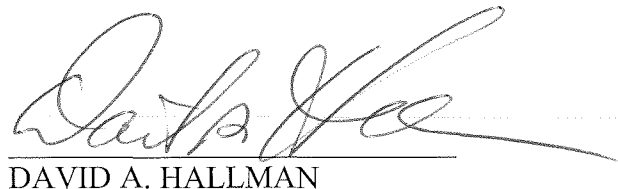
Attest as to Chairman's Signature:



JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

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Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:



DAVID A. HALLMAN