

By: Mayor Bert L. Cottle
Adopted: March 23, 2015

Vote: Buswell, Graham, O'Barr, Sullivan-Leonard, Wall, and Wilson in favor

**City of Wasilla
Resolution Serial No. 15-08**

A resolution of the Wasilla City Council supporting Alaska's military forces in the Rally for Our Troops campaign.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army is tasked to reduce its personnel beginning in 2017, and two brigade combat teams in Alaska are being considered; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla shows its support for Alaska's military forces assigned to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) and Fort Wainwright, in the potential decision to dissolve the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division; and,

WHEREAS, these military bases are strategically placed inside Alaska for national defense and the protection of all United States citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska is one of the most strategic military locations in the world, with training venues in interior Alaska recognized as national treasures, with unparalleled size, capability, and characteristics. These training venues are essential for combined and coalition training of the United States armed forces and those of its global allies. Such training cannot be replicated elsewhere; and,

WHEREAS, our Alaskan community could lose more than 5,300 military personnel, with more than 8,900 dependents; and,

WHEREAS, the impact to the community would include a loss of hundreds of millions of dollars in the local economy, jobs, and workforce; and,

WHEREAS, the community's support, quality of life, job opportunities, educational offerings, quality healthcare and many other benefits, are excellent reasons the Army should not choose these bases as targets for force reduction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Wasilla City Council, that this resolution put forth by the City of Wasilla strongly urges the Secretary of the Air Force and the Secretary of the Army to not withdraw military troops from Alaska now or in the future.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on March 23, 2015.


BERT L. COTTLE, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

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CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT


Resolution Serial No. 15-08: A resolution of the Wasilla City Council supporting Alaska's military forces in the Rally for Our Troops campaign.

Originator: Mayor Bert L. Cottle

Date: March 9, 2015

Agenda of: March 23, 2015

Route to:	Department Head	Signature	Date
	Chief of Police		
	Public Works Director		
	Recreation & Cultural Services Director		
	Finance Director		
X	Deputy Administrator		3/11/15
X	City Clerk		3.12.15

Reviewed by Mayor Bert L. Cottle:  03/11/2015

Fiscal Impact: yes or no

Account name/number: n/a

Attachments: Resolution Serial No. 15-08 (2 pages)

Summary Statement: This resolution supports the City of Wasilla to strongly urge the Secretary of the Air Force and the Secretary of the Army to not withdraw military troops from Alaska now or in the future .

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution Serial No. 15-08.