

**City of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE MORE THAN 100 SUN PRAIRIE RESIDENTS WHO ARE MEMBERS OR EMPLOYEES OF THE AWARD-WINNING 115TH FIGHTER WING, AND TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR BASING F-35AS AT TRUAX FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE IN WISCONSIN**

**Presented:** October 15, 2019

**Adopted:** October 15, 2019

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**WHEREAS**, after reviewing 18 potential locations and the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing’s best-in-class record, the U.S. Air Force selected Truax Field Air National Guard Base as the preferred location for one of the next two Air National Guard F-35A bases; and

**WHEREAS**, F-35As will allow the Air Force to maintain its air dominance capabilities and allow Service Members to conduct their missions with greater safety, which benefits our country as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, F-35As will replace the Block 30 F-16s flown by the 115th Fighter Wing, which are the oldest model F-16s in the Air Force, and this will ensure the long-term viability of Truax Field; and

**WHEREAS**, for 71 years Sun Prairie residents have participated in the uninterrupted Air Force mission at Truax Field, and the F-35As will be the tenth different air frame flown from Truax Field; and

**WHEREAS**, the F-35 mission would maintain and enhance the Sun Prairie economic impact of the 115th Fighter Wing by continuing its \$100 million of economic output and 1,659 in-state jobs and creating 64 new jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the F-35 mission would provide up to \$120 million in improvements to the Dane County Regional Airport and create hundreds of construction jobs with a total economic impact to the region of more than \$3.3 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, the 115th Fighter Wing, the 128th Air Refueling Wing in Milwaukee, and the Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) are intricately linked and benefit from their close proximity to each other, which would further increase the F-35 mission’s economic impact on the state of Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, the 115th Fighter Wing has a long history of being a good neighbor to Dane County Regional Airport, has worked cooperatively with the airport in the past to mitigate noise impacts by adjusting flight patterns and flight times and making significant infrastructure investments, and has indicated that the F-35 provides further opportunities to mitigate noise impacts, including almost completely eliminating afterburner use at the airport; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Wisconsin should fully participate with Dane County Regional Airport as a partner in the Federal Aviation Administration program to mitigate or abate noise; and

**WHEREAS**, many air guard members from Sun Prairie have deployed overseas multiple times away from their homes and loved ones for long periods to defend and protect our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing mobilized in response to statewide emergencies and natural disasters; and responded locally to incidents at the airport and in the surrounding community, including the recent fire at the Blount Street electrical substation in Madison.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Common Council of the City of Sun Prairie, Dane County, Wisconsin, hereby recognize the many federal, state, and local contributions of the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing and fully support our Sun Prairie friends and neighbors at the 115<sup>th</sup> and the basing of the next generation of freedom fighting aircraft at Truax Field.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul T. Esser, Mayor

Date Approved: October 15, 2019

Date Signed: October \_\_\_\_, 2019

This is to certify that the foregoing Resolution was approved by the Common Council of the City of Sun Prairie at a meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019, and was submitted for signatures on the \_\_\_\_ day of October 2019.

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Elena Hilby, City Clerk