

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA,
SUPPORTING THE 144TH FIGHTER WING AND THE
RECAPITALIZATION OF NEXT-GENERATION AIRCRAFT
SQUADRONS TO ENSURE THAT THE AIR NATIONAL
GUARD CONTINUES TO THRIVE IN THE CITY OF FRESNO

WHEREAS, the California Air National Guard 144th Fighter Wing located in Fresno, California is composed of 1,106 military and civilian personnel, 18 F-15C Eagle aircraft and an Aircraft Rescue Firefighting resource for emergency support of military and civilian aircraft; and

WHEREAS, the 144th Fighter Wing continues to invest in our community with an economic impact of nearly \$160 million, including \$94.1 million in military and civilian wages. With 1,106 military and civilian personnel, the 144th Fighter Wing remains one of Fresno's most valued employers; and

WHEREAS, the primary mission of the 144th Fighter Wing is to maintain combat ready forces able to rapidly generate, employ, and sustain global Air Power and agile support for nation and state. The 144th Fighter Wing is responsible for protecting two-thirds of the United States West Coast via Airspace Control Alert (ACA) and fulfilling the National Defense Strategy requirements. The ACA mission requires the Wing to maintain a number of aircraft ready for immediate launch to intercept air threats to the United States, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS, the California Air National Guard has been a State Partner with Ukraine since 1993, and the 144th Fighter Wing continues to provide training to Ukrainian

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Air Defense Forces; and

WHEREAS, the 144th Fighter Wing is currently being evaluated as one of three locations to house the upgraded F-15E/X aircraft, or one of four locations for the F-35 aircraft, which would provide a better platform to conduct air superiority and air defense missions; and

WHEREAS, the 144th Fighter Wing, housed at Fresno Yosemite International Airport, is strategically located, allowing collaboration with units in other Western states. Our weather provides ideal conditions for reducing wear and tear on aircraft and operational disruptions; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno Yosemite International Air Traffic Control Tower provides 24-hour ground and airspace communication, which assist with military aircraft alert missions. Fresno is also equipped with a Category III Instrument Landing System that allows for continued military aircraft operations during low visibility conditions; and

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WHEREAS, the service life of the aging F-15C aircraft has an unforeseen future. It is imperative that the 144th Fighter Wing is recapitalized with the F-15E/X or F-35 aircraft to continue critical air defense and support operations to avoid any disruption to our national defense; and

WHEREAS, transfer of the 144th Fighter Wing mission to another location would create unnecessary, and negative impacts to the United States West Coast Air Defense

operations and to the state and local economies; and

WHEREAS, the Air Force is currently conducting the required federal environmental assessment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The City of Fresno supports the 144th Fighter Wing continuing to be stationed and headquartered in Fresno, California.
2. The City of Fresno supports the 144th Fighter Wing in its conversion to the F-15 E/X or F-35.
3. The City of Fresno supports and commends the service men and women of the 144th Fighter Wing, as they serve to protect and defend the United States of America.
4. This resolution shall be effective upon final approval.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, TODD STERMER, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2022.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2022
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2022
Mayor Veto: _____, 2022
Council Override Vote: _____, 2022

TODD STERMER, CMC
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RINA M. GONZALES
Interim City Attorney

By: _____
Raj Singh Badhesha Date
Interim Chief Assistant City Attorney