

**ADOPTED**  
**August 17 2011**

Resolution Regarding  
**The Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority's  
Disapproval of the Department of Defense's Decision  
to close the Fort Monmouth Commissary**

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature enacted the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority Act ("Act"), P.L. 2010, c. 51, to create the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority ("FMERA" or "Authority");

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature established as the purpose of the Authority "to oversee, administer, and implement the plan as provided in this act, in a manner that will promote, develop, encourage, and maintain employment, commerce, economic development, and the public welfare; . . . and to advance the general prosperity and economic welfare of the people in the host municipalities, the county, and the entire State by cooperating and acting in conjunction with other organizations, public and private, to promote and advance the economic use of the facilities located at Fort Monmouth";

**WHEREAS**, on August 24, 2005 the Base Realignment and Closure Commission ("BRAC") endorsed the recommendation made by the Department of Defense ("DOD") on May 13, 2005 to close Fort Monmouth;

**WHEREAS**, the recommendation to close Fort Monmouth became effective on November 9, 2005 in accordance to the Base Realignment and Closure Act of 1990 ("BRAC Law"); and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with BRAC Law, Fort Monmouth and its Commissary must close on or before September 15, 2011;

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Monmouth Commissary was established to provide food and household items to active-duty Military Personnel, Veterans, Guard, Reserve and their families at a discounted rate as a benefit;

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Monmouth Commissary serves as a gathering place for Veterans and is a part of the social fabric of the Veterans Community;

**WHEREAS**, the closest Commissary for members of the local Veterans Community is over 40 miles away;

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to minimize the adverse impact of Fort Monmouth's closure on

the local Veterans Community, the Authority and the Governor of New Jersey asked the DOD to keep the Fort Monmouth Commissary open for a transitional 2-year period;

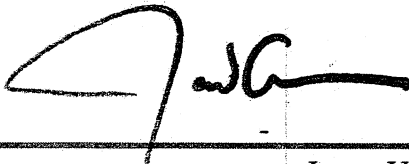
**WHEREAS**, Secretary of the Army John McHugh made the same recommendation;

**WHEREAS**, on August 9, 2011 DOD Undersecretary Dr. Clifford Stanley informed the Office of the New Jersey Governor that, despite the Governor's request to maintain the Commissary for two years, the Fort Monmouth Commissary will close on September 13, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Board of Directors of the Authority unanimously desire to express its disappointment in the DOD's decision to close the Fort Monmouth Commissary, a decision that will leave thousands of Veterans and their families without reasonable access to another Commissary;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Board of Directors of the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority, at its August 17, 2011 Board Meeting, formally and unanimously expressed its disapproval of the Department of Defense's decision to close the Fort Monmouth Commissary due to its adverse impact upon the local Veterans Community.



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James V. Gorman, Chairman

Dated: August 17, 2011