

**RESOLUTION NO. 767**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, EXPRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE WORK OF THE WASHINGTON MILITARY ALLIANCE**

WHEREAS, the Governor and the Washington State Congressional Delegation have established the Washington Military Alliance; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance is co-convened by the Governor and entire Washington State Congressional Delegation, and includes representation from State legislators, State agencies, local elected officials, regional community groups supporting local military installations, and organizations promoting economic development in Washington state; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance coordinates a unified message as military budget decisions are being considered and recommends actions which can be taken at the local, state and federal levels to enhance military mission, retention and expansion, and military contracting in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, support for the military in Washington State is a matter of patriotism and is a prudent investment in national security; and

WHEREAS, with a new, changing strategic focus on the Asia-Pacific Region, the installations in Washington State are geographically positioned in a very favorable manner to support Department of Defense strategic plans; and

WHEREAS, the Army, Navy, Air Force and National Guard missions and resources in Washington State are strategically aligned to support and execute the force projection necessary in a globally integrated, operational environment in conjunction with United States' international partners; and

WHEREAS, military resources and operations are also a critical part of the State economy and must also be appreciated from an economic and business perspective; and

WHEREAS, the State frequently makes efforts and investments to keep economically significant businesses in the State, or to attract new businesses to the State, and Defense Department spending in Washington exceeds \$13 billion annually, making it among the most significant economic enterprises in Washington; and

WHEREAS, the military installations and supporting communities in the State need the effective, coordinated and prioritized State-wide support strategy provided by the Washington Military Alliance;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The City Council hereby expresses its strong support for the work of the Washington Military Alliance.
2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 18, 2014.

  
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Denise McCluskey, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Emy Genetia, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Steve Victor, City Attorney