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CIRCUIT COURT
DORCHESTER COUNTY

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER
COUNTY, MARYLAND SUPPORTING THE JOINT LAND USE STUDY
(JLUS) FOR THE NAVAL AIR STATION (NAS) PATUXENT RIVER MD**

WHEREAS, Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River, Webster Field and the Inner Atlantic Test Range, MD (hereafter referred to as Naval Air Station Patuxent River) is host to more than 50 tenant activities, including the Naval Air Systems Command and the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division, and home to the full spectrum of Research, Development, Acquisition, Test, and Evaluation (RDAT&E) for all of Naval Aviation, which are critical for the U.S. Navy and other branches of the American military and our allies; and,

WHEREAS, the Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River, MD is affected by growth and development around a perimeter of the installations that could eventually impact the mission of the station; and,

WHEREAS, residents within the flight patterns of a military air station can be exposed to high noise levels and hazards; and

WHEREAS, under state law, counties have the authority and responsibility to develop plans and regulations that relate to growth and development in a fashion that will protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) is a community sponsored and led study designed to promote compatible development patterns near Naval Air Station, Patuxent River by applying a local planning process to update local plans and supporting regulations relating to the Naval Air Station's mission and impacts on surrounding communities; and,

WHEREAS, the four Tri and Regional Councils and Commission that work for and include as members the elected leaders of the counties within the JLUS study area and each of the counties play a vital role in participating in the JLUS study; and,

WHEREAS, the Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River, MD JLUS Policy Committee, is being proposed which will be comprised of a representative from each of the counties, the Naval Air Station Patuxent River, and the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, the Mid Shore Regional Council, the Lower Eastern Shore Regional Council, and the Northern Neck Planning District Commission, and other agencies,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, THAT:

1. The County Council of Dorchester County does hereby endorse and support the preparation of a JLUS for Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River and Webster Field, MD, with the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland as the JLUS sponsor; and,
2. The County Council of Dorchester County will take the necessary steps to participate in the JLUS in cooperation with Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland and their own regional council, and,

- 3. The County Council of Dorchester County bears no responsibility for providing a local match to the Office of Economic Adjustment (Department of Defense) Grant for the preparation of the JLUS as the match is to be provided by the Southern Maryland counties.
- 4. The County Council of Dorchester County commits to a good faith effort to implement any recommendations included in the JLUS while still recognizing the importance of private property rights; and,

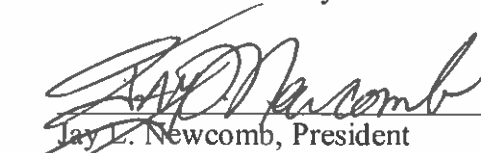
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF April, 2012

The County Council
of Dorchester County

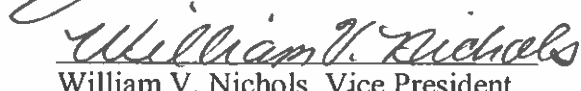
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