

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE
CLOSING OF CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE

WHEREAS, the U. S. Defense Department is undertaking a study on the effects of closing Chanute Air Force Base at Rantoul in Champaign County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Chanute Air Force Base employs 7,500 military and 2,400 civilian workers; and

WHEREAS, the Defense Department, as well as thousands of civilian and military personnel, have high capital investments at Chanute, in Rantoul, Urbana, and other communities in Champaign County; and

WHEREAS, Rantoul is the third-largest community in Champaign County, and every one of the citizens of the County, including Urbana citizens, will be directly and adversely affected by any closing or reduction in services at Chanute.


WHEREAS, the school districts in Paxton, Rantoul, Urbana and Champaign stand to lose substantial funding for educational programs due to decreased revenue; and

WHEREAS, the amount of money predicted to be saved by the Defense Department in closing Chanute is very small relative to the corresponding negative effects on Rantoul, Paxton, Urbana and Champaign;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, that we urge the operation of this military installation be continued in full, and that the closing or reduction will serve as a severe detriment to the economies of the cities, towns and villages of Champaign County. We urge the removal of Chanute Air Force Base from the list of possible military installations to be closed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this preamble and resolution be presented to President Jimmy Carter, Secretary of Defense Harold Brown, Secretary of the Air Force John Stetson, and to all members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.

PASSED by the City Council this 15TH day of MAY, 1978.


Duane Eckert, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 16TH day of MAY, 1978.


Jeffrey T. Markland, Mayor

