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Burrillville Town Council Resolution In Support of the Quonset Air Museum

WHEREAS, the Quonset Air Museum has been a catalyst to keeping alive the legacy and history of military aviation in our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, the museum functions as a research, education and exhibit facility to preserve Rhode Island's rich aviation history; and

WHEREAS, since 1992, the Air Museum has educated people from all over the world on Rhode Island's aviation legacy and has displayed collections that document the contributions of Rhode Islanders to the growth and development of aviation and space exploration; and

WHEREAS, there is a present need for a museum focused on the history of Rhode Island's place in our rich aviation history; and

WHEREAS, the Quonset Air Museum fulfills this need while enhancing tourism opportunities and complementing the successful Rhode Island National Guard Open House and Air Show.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville, do hereby fully support the endeavors of the Quonset Air Museum to remain at its current location, work on a plan to remediate its building to resolve maintenance issues, and return stronger than ever to bring Rhode Island's rich aviation heritage to life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville does hereby oppose any plans for the Rhode Island Airport Corporation to evict, remove or place the Quonset Air Museum and its artifacts in jeopardy of destruction, deterioration, repossession or private purchase.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville hereby respectfully requests that the Rhode Island Airport Corporation work with the Quonset Air Museum and the North Kingstown Town Council on a plan to keep the museum in its rightful place.

Adopted as a resolution this 26th day of August 2015.

John F. Pacheco III, President Burrillville Town Council

ATTEST:

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