

**RESOLUTION #47 OF 2014**  
**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FORT DRUM AND ASKING THE ARMY TO KEEP THE BASE AND THE 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
**MOUNTAIN DIVISION WHOLE.**  
**JULY 23, 2014**

**Title:** A resolution support Fort Drum and asking to keep the Base and the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division whole.

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clayton, Jefferson County, New York, held at Dodge Hall, Grindstone Island, Clayton, New York on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2014, at 5:00 PM prevailing time:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Taylor and upon roll being called, the following were:

**Present:** Justin A. Taylor, Supervisor  
Lance Peterson, Councilman  
Robert W. Cantwell III, Councilman  
Christopher D. Matthews, Councilman  
Mary Zovistoski, Councilwoman

The following resolution was offered by Lance Peterson, who moved its adoption, seconded by Chris Matthews, to wit:

**WHEREAS**, the Army released a Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment (SPEA) for Army 2020 Force Structure Realignment in June 2014 to evaluate force reductions and realignments, and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed action will reduce and realign active component Soldiers and Army civilian employees to help the Army meet current and future national security and defense requirements, and

**WHEREAS**, the Army's proposal is to reduce end-strength to as low as 420,000, double the reduction proposed in 2013, and

**WHEREAS**, the Army's SPEA is looking to cut 16,000 jobs from Fort Drum; 15,417 Soldiers and 583 Army civilians which includes the loss of the 3<sup>rd</sup> BCT from the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division which was announced last year, and

**WHEREAS**, this SPEA looks at the socio-economic impact of this action and it predicts a loss of \$877,152,000 in area income, a loss of 19,102 jobs, and a decrease in population of 40,288, and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Drum and the surrounding communities have developed a unique relationship in regard to providing housing, education, health care, and infrastructure to support the installation, and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed force reduction under review by the Army would have a devastating impact on jobs, education, health care, quality of life and the ability of local governments to provide essential services for its residents,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Clayton has already in place, housing, education, healthcare facilities, and have welcomed Soldiers and their families as residents, and benefited from sales tax income, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Clayton recognizes the Army needs to review force reductions and realignments as part of a long-term solution to the current fiscal crisis;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Clayton, County of Jefferson, believes that the proposed cut of 16,000 at Fort Drum currently under review by the Army will have a devastating and long lasting impacts on the local economy as forecast in the Army’s own SPEA, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Clayton, County of Jefferson, asks that the Army, as part of their decision making process, consider our community’s ability to continue to support Fort Drum and the 10th Mountain Division and to provide those essential services needed by our citizens, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Clayton, County of Jefferson asks that, due to these socio-economic impacts no further reductions in personnel occur at Fort Drum or to the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division beyond those that were identified in the 2014 PEA.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Justin A. Taylor, Supervisor	Yes <u>X</u> No <u>  </u>
Lance Peterson, Councilman	Yes <u>X</u> No <u>  </u>
Robert W. Cantwell III, Councilman	Yes <u>X</u> No <u>  </u>
Christopher D. Matthews, Councilman	Yes <u>X</u> No <u>  </u>
Mary Zovistoski, Councilwoman	Yes <u>X</u> No <u>  </u>

Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0

Dated: July 23, 2014

**Certification**

I, Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk of the Town of Clayton, do hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clayton held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July, 2014 and it’s on file and of record, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

**(SEAL)**

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**Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk**