

**CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 07-102**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE, WASHINGTON FOR THE
SUPPORT FOR FUNDING THE ARMED FORCES & AEROSPACE MUSEUM.**

WHEREAS, the *Armed Forces & Aerospace Museum* (AF&AM) has established a continuum of public educational service formerly provided by the Fairchild Heritage Museum; and

WHEREAS, the AF&AM has transferred and secured the priceless collection of artifacts and archival materials from the Fairchild Heritage Museum and other related institutions; and

WHEREAS, the AF&AM has worked closely with a host of local organizations to complement existing institutions with a new museum of military history and technology to provide for currently unmet needs; and

WHEREAS, the AF&AM has reached out to residents of the Inland Northwest to incorporate important regional stories enriched by the valuable artifacts and archival materials; and

WHEREAS, the AF&AM has worked cooperatively in its planning with other major institutions, including the Smithsonian Institution, Seattle Museum of Flight, and Spokane's Museum of Arts & Culture to establish collegiality and assure high operating standards; and

WHEREAS, the AF&A M has worked cooperatively with Spokane International Airport to identify and secure a prominent site of great value in its market location, ease of access, visibility, and unique operational features; and

WHEREAS, the AF&AM has retained an experienced museum planning and design team to design a structure of high museum quality with exhibits that portray the currently untold regional story of "Building Community ★ Serving Country" through more than a century of military and aerospace history and technology; and

WHEREAS, the AF&AM has designed a regional educational resource to enrich learning, motivate students to technical studies, and to inspire residents; and

WHEREAS, the AF&AM has designed meeting and event spaces inside and outside the museum to enliven the airport environment and attract tourists and business activity; and

WHEREAS, the AF&AM has produced a Business Plan for operations with foresight to assure viable operations while attracting tourists, generating income, creating jobs, and adding tax revenues to the regional economy and to government; and

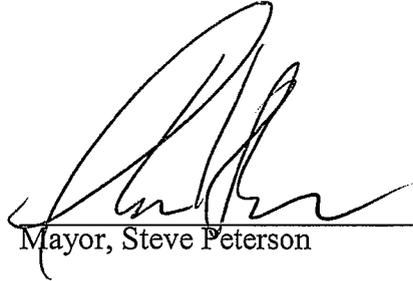
WHEREAS, the AF&AM has accomplished all of this work with dedication and contributions from numerous volunteers and contributed services over the last decade; and

WHEREAS, the AF&AM has attracted substantial private funding and contribution services from the community to evolve its highly professional plans and designs; and

WHEREAS, all of these extremely valuable assets have been build up prior to asking for governmental capital support to the project that is ready for building;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Liberty Lake supports capital funding from the State of Washington for the **Armed Forces & Aerospace Museum**.

Adopted this 6th day of February, 2007.



Mayor, Steve Peterson

ATTEST:



City Clerk, Arlene Fisher

Approved as to Form:



City Attorney | Stanley M. Schwartz



ARMED
FORCES &
AEROSPACE
MUSEUM

Steve Peterson, Mayor
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February 1, 2007

*Please copy to
Council &
Place on
Feb 6 agenda!*

Dear Mayor Peterson:

Location, economic development, education-driven technology center, all services military museum, tourism! Prominent citizens like you know the value of this attraction. Picture the new *Armed Forces & Aerospace Museum* greeting visitors from Spokane International airport Business Park as they enter west Spokane on I-90. The B-52 parked so close to the freeway will be the first of many 'Wow' responses!

- Nearly **\$1.4 million** in donations has been pledged, and the Design Committee is completing the elements of design afforded by a \$295,000 Washington State Historic Resource Center grant awarded in the 2005 biennium.
- There are over **1100** contributors through businesses, individuals and foundations.
- Over **5000** volunteer hours were donated in 2006 toward day-to-day management.
- Over **10,000** artifacts of Army, Air Force, Navy WAC, WAVE, and US Coast Guard origin, **50,000** archival documents, **26** civilian and military aircraft, including display of the "Skeeter" Carlson vintage WWI aircraft collection, valued at **\$5,483,228** are being preserved because "the greatest generation" is attentive to historical preservation.

The *Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce* feels that this is such an important project to our community that we are on their 2007 project priorities list. This new facility will be an economic force for this community, and will return **\$1,714,440** tax dollars to the state of Washington annually, **\$544,320** will add to the sales tax in Spokane County, and our continued educational thrust will highly impact middle school, high school and college students. We have a viable business plan that will operate successfully from opening day.

The cost to create Phase I is **\$10 million** and it will generate a minimum of **\$26 million** annually to our economy. We have collaborative support from the Spokane International Airport Board, FAA, Spokane City and County government, MAC, Museum of Flight, military community, regional business associations and are on the City of Spokane's Legislative list. **Would you help validate the work that has already been done by passing the enclosed Resolution of Support on behalf of the *Armed Forces & Aerospace Museum*? Over 60,000 local retired and active military families will thank you for your influence.**

Sincerely,

Arnold S. Weinman
Arnold S. Weinman, President
AF&AM

John R. Madri
John R. Madri, Retired CEO
Global Credit Union
Capital Campaign Co-Chair

Tim Welsh
Tim Welsh, CEO
Garco Construction

P.S. Thank you for signing the enclosed Resolution and returning to the museum office.