

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF DORCHESTER )

**RESOLUTION #12-15**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Dorchester County have a long and rich tradition of service in the armed forces of the United States of America, and

**WHEREAS**, many Dorchester County citizens are active duty military stationed at Charleston Air Force Base in North Charleston and/or the Naval Weapons Station in Goose Creek, and

**WHEREAS**, the Military Policy Council of the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, which focuses on base retention and expansion efforts, alerted local governments, including Dorchester County, of the possibility of sequestration being enforced beginning in FY13; and

**WHEREAS**, sequestration is a procedure by which an automatic spending cut is triggered and it was most recently implanted in the Budget Control Act of 2011 which included spending cuts, but required a Congressional “super committee” to agree on at least \$1.2 trillion in additional budget cuts by that November or face sequestration for this amount; and

**WHEREAS**, a Congressional Super Committee failed to achieve an agreement, and sequestration-level cuts are required beginning in FY13 and unless Congress takes action, sequestration will be implemented January 1, 2013 when an estimated \$497 billion in cuts to the Department of Defense will automatically go into effect nation-wide; and

**WHEREAS**, combined with the already proposed \$400+ billion in Department of Defense cuts proposed by the Administration, the combined cuts would deal a devastating blow to the economy of the region and with sequestration, the Charleston area military could be cut by at least 50 percent – a loss of more than \$2.33 billion to the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Joint Base Charleston is now the region’s largest single employer with 20,172 employees, their combined payroll has an annual economic impact of \$4.36 billion to the region’s economy; and

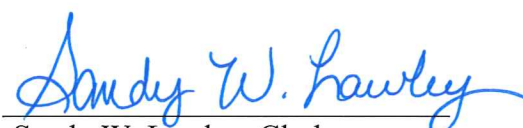
**WHEREAS**, Joint Base Charleston, which houses over 40 tenant commands and a training center, provides imperative strategic importance to our national defense.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Dorchester County Council does hereby encourage the Federal Delegation of South Carolina to take any action necessary to stop sequestration, its impact to the local economy, and similar impact to local economies across the nation.

**ADOPTED** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2012.

**DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL:**

**BY:**   
Larry S. Hargett, Chairman

**ATTESTED:**   
Sandy W. Lawley, Clerk