

At a Regular Meeting of the  
County of Oswego Industrial  
Development Agency held on  
the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011 at  
44 West Bridge Street,  
Oswego, State of New York

**RESOLUTION  
IN SUPPORT OF  
FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE F-35  
JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency is a public benefit corporation formed in 1973 in accordance with the New York State General Municipal Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency is to establish and implement sound economic development strategies in order to enhance the economic vitality of Oswego County's businesses, industries, communities, and citizens, leading to an overall better quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, key to the Agency's mission is the creation and retention of job opportunities, diversification and strengthening of the economic base, and developing the economy in a planned, organized, and environmentally compatible manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the defense technology sector is vital to both the nation's military security and its economy; and

**WHEREAS**, technology has advanced to the point of making much of the current decades-old fleet of U.S. military aircraft nearly obsolete; and

**WHEREAS**, the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program helps to support nearly 4,400 direct and indirect jobs and has an economic impact of more than \$320 million in New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program provides 127,000 direct and indirect jobs across America and contributes significantly in other ways to the nation's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the F-35 is a crucial innovation for bolstering American defense and is the most advanced fighter aircraft ever built; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress is considering the ongoing funding and production of the F-35; and

**WHEREAS**, the tradition of supporting our nation's freedoms and its military has been strong in New York State and Oswego County dating back to events during the Revolution and the War of 1812; and

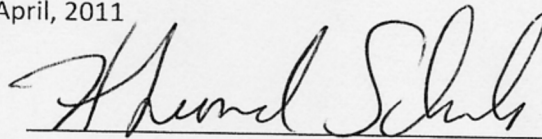
**WHEREAS**, Oswego County is home to numerous veterans of America's conflicts among its population, brave individuals who personify a proud tradition of supporting America's military; and

**WHEREAS**, the significant investment that the United States has already made in developing and producing the F-35 would be jeopardized if planned production was discontinued or suspended;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency enthusiastically supports the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program and urges the United States Congress to recognize the importance of this program to the economy and its critical role in our national defense and its importance to New York State, the United States and our allies around the world by supporting full funding for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the entire New York State Congressional delegation.

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "H. Leonard Schick". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

H. Leonard Schick, Secretary  
County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency