

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PLACING OF THE
GRAYLING ARMY AIRFIELD (KGOV) IN THE
BASIC CATEGORY WITHIN THE NATIONAL PLAN OF INTEGRATED
AIRPORT SYSTEMS (NPIAS)
5222014 – NPIAS**

WHEREAS, While the Grayling Army Airfield is by definition a military installation, it has continually been open and utilized by civilian air traffic; and

WHEREAS, The Grayling Army Airfield has been considered a basic airport for numerous years in the past within the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS); and

WHEREAS, The Grayling Army Airfield is the only airport of any kind serving Crawford County and the City of Grayling; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has decided to classify NPIAS airports by the number of unduplicated based aircraft at the civilian terminal; and

WHEREAS, As recently as three months ago, Crawford County had each of its ten T-Hangars leased with two on the waiting list; and

WHEREAS, The Crawford County Air Terminal (CCAT) area, only has the ability to house eight aircraft in hangars due to funding limitations; and

WHEREAS, The Crawford County Air Terminal business plan is to develop (as funds are available) a fuel farm, increase usage and patronage, construct another hangar and attract a Fixed Based Operator that can offer more services to civilian air traffic; and

WHEREAS, The downgrading of KGOV to unclassified due to the lack of based aircraft at the airport along with other FAA ASSET report criteria will eliminate federal funding for airport improvement projects, which will cause the infrastructure at the airport to deteriorate to a point where civilian aircraft will not have any desire to visit; and

WHEREAS, Neither Crawford County nor the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs has the funding to maintain the airport; and

WHEREAS, KGOV meets the Critical Community Service ASSET criteria by providing training or is a base of operation for the following federal/state/local/other services; Forest Service, Marshalls, Customs/Boarder Protection, Michigan State Police, Local Law Enforcement agencies, Secret Service, Special Forces, Department of Defense and other agencies from foreign governments.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Crawford County Board of Commissioners urges the Federal Aviation Administration to return KGOV to a designation of Basic within the NPIAS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Carl Levin, Senator Debbie Stabenow, Representative Dan Benishek, the Michigan Aeronautics Commission and the Michigan Association of Counties.