

## Proclamation Tucson Lightning

**WHEREAS** the 162<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing at Tucson International Airport is one of the top five of 205 locations being considered for F-35 Joint Strike Fighter training; and

**WHEREAS** the 162<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing conducts F-16 fighter pilot training to the air forces of various allied nations as well as for the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve Command and the United States Air Force and supports current U.S. contingency operations at various locations around the world as well as protecting air space around the nation; and

**WHEREAS** the 162<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing is the largest Air National Guard fighter wing in the country and is the 39<sup>th</sup> largest employer in Southern Arizona and enjoys an outstanding relationship with the residents of Pima County and the Tucson region; and

**WHEREAS** the 162<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing Minuteman Committee, Governor Jan Brewer, Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, Senator John McCain, the Southern Arizona Leadership Council, Tucson Airport Authority and others support the proposal to bring F-35 Joint Strike Fighter training to Tucson International Airport.

**NOW, THEREFORE** the Mayor and Council of the Town of Marana join with those civic organizations and federal, state and local elected officials to support the efforts of Tucson Lightning to bring the F-35 Lightning II to the 162<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing at Tucson International Airport.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010.

*Ed Honea*

Mayor Ed Honea

ATTEST:

*Jocelyn C. Bronson*

Jocelyn C. Bronson, Town Clerk

