

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-441  
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A MAJOR CARGO CARRIER AT MARCH ARB

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3       **WHEREAS**, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors is a member of the  
4 March Joint Powers Commission, and;

5       **WHEREAS**, the commission and the Board of Supervisors are committed to  
6 the development of new jobs and business on surplus military land at March Air  
7 Reserve Base (MARB), and;

8       **WHEREAS**, the base provides an estimated \$347 million economic impact to  
9 the Inland Region annually, along with the basing of more than 8,000 military people  
10 and civilians, and;

11       **WHEREAS**, March ARB provides a joint partnership with the March Joint  
12 Powers Authority to operate the 2.5 mile runway, and relies on the authority to share  
13 runway costs as the March Inland Port, and;

14       **WHEREAS**, the March Joint Powers Commission and its elected  
15 representatives have been working for eight years to plan for a successful cargo  
16 airport that will operate on a 24-hour basis, and will fuel the local economy with new  
17 jobs and ancillary businesses; and,

18       **WHEREAS**, the March Joint Powers Commission has actively sought a major  
19 cargo carrier to operate from the March Inland Port; and,

20       **WHEREAS**, the March Joint Powers Commission is considering a plan by its  
21 airport master developer to construct a 380,000 square foot cargo handling facility at  
22 the southeasterly end of the runway on public property; and,

23       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Riverside County Board of  
24 Supervisors on September 14, 2004, does wholeheartedly support the basing of DHL  
25 as a major tenant at March Inland Port; and

26       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does not want  
27 any flight restrictions that will prevent DHL or any major carrier from operating a  
28 successful 24-hour operation that has potential for becoming a huge job and  
business magnet for Riverside County.

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