

Resolution # 044-06

U.S. Department of Homeland Security National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility

February 27, 2006

WHEREAS the Kentucky / Tennessee NBAF Consortium is nominating a site in Pulaski County, Kentucky, for the proposed U. S. Department of Homeland Security National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility, and

WHEREAS this facility will contribute to the security of the United States and its citizens by researching diseases and public health threats from pathogens that affect both animals and humans and by developing countermeasures for them, and

WHEREAS the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility will bolster the nation's capacity for bio and agro-defense and contribute to meeting future research needs for both agricultural and public health national security, and

WHEREAS the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility will be built with strict safety and security standards designed to assure the safe operation of the facility, the safety of its employees, the safety of the population and the safety of the natural environment, and

WHEREAS such facilities are reported by the National Institutes of Health to have excellent safety records, and

WHEREAS the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility will contribute to expanding a homeland security science and technology hub in Kentucky and Tennessee, and

WHEREAS the facility would expand a science- and technology-driven economic sector in Kentucky, adding to the quality of job opportunities and, ultimately, to the quality of life in the Commonwealth, and

WHEREAS the presence of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility in Kentucky would build the state's reputation as a location for scientific innovation and creativity, and

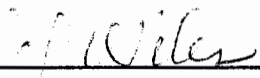
WHEREAS competition for the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility will be intense and national in scope,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City of Somerset Council Members:


- 1. Endorses the Kentucky / Tennessee NBAF Consortium's efforts to nominate Pulaski County as the site for the proposed National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility;**

2. Encourages the United States Department of Homeland Security to select Pulaski County, Kentucky, as the site for the proposed National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility; and

3. Supports locating the facility in Pulaski County, Kentucky.



Mayor

Attest: 

City Clerk