



In the Name and by the Authority of

THE STATE OF OHIO



WHEREAS, the F-111 was a long-range, all-weather supersonic strike aircraft of the U.S. Air Force, capable of navigating at low level to destroy targets deep in enemy territory; and

WHEREAS, the versatile F-111 Aardvark entered the U.S. Air Force inventory in 1964, and was in active service until 1998, serving in conflicts ranging from Southeast Asia, to the Cold War, and from the Libya Raid, to Operation Desert Storm, where it was one of the most effective allied aircraft, flying more than 2,400 sorties against Iraqi strategic sites, vehicle formations, and hardened bunkers; and

WHEREAS, the F-111 program demonstrated unique, swing-wing technologies and was initially conceived, contracted, and managed at the Aeronautical Systems Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, in all, 566 F-111s of all series were built for fighter, strategic bombardment, and electronic warfare roles; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the men and women of the U.S. Air Force who flew, maintained, and supported all variants of the F-111 aircraft, the F-111 Memorial Foundation has built a memorial to honor the F-111, FB-111, and EF-111 communities; and

WHEREAS, the National Museum of the United States Air Force's Memorial Park honors Air Force-associated units and people for their courageous service and sacrifice in the cause of freedom; and

WHEREAS, Ohio, as the birthplace, home, and future of aerospace, is proud of all Americans who have flown, maintained, and supported the F/FB-111 Aardvark and EF-111 Raven aircraft, while exhibiting the highest degrees of courage, innovation, and dedication to the spirit of flight; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, *Mike DeWine and Jon Husted*, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize the dedication of the

F-111 MEMORIAL

on this 14th day of October 2022.

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor