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## **Statement of Support for the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District**

### ***Champaign-Urbana Public Health District Recognized for Support of the National Guard and Reserve***

Champaign, IL – The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD) was recently issued a Statement of Support from the National Guard and Reserve from the U.S. Department of Defense. The Statement of Support illustrates an employer's commitment and support to employees who serve in the National Guard or Reserve.

John Dwyer is employed at CUPHD as the Emergency Preparedness Planner in the Environmental Health division. He is also a Major in the U. S. Air Force Reserves serving as the Officer in Charge of Personnel Programs with the 434<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Flight, a unit of the 434<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing. John nominated his supervisor, Jim Roberts, Director of Environmental Health, to participate in the employer orientation flight program. Jim Roberts recently visited the 434<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing and took part in a refueling mission aboard a KC-135 Stratotanker. The 434<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing is based out of Grissom Air Reserve Base, near Kokomo, Indiana. On behalf of CUPHD and the Board of Health, Carol Elliott, Chair, signed the Statement of Support that will be displayed in the main lobby at CUPHD.

The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) was established in 1972 and operates within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

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