

**Naturalized US Citizenship Recruiting Programs
(15: National Security)
Resolution No. 24-09**

WHEREAS, the United States has a long history from the Civil War of non-citizen service in the U.S. military that leads to the granting of naturalized citizenship; and

WHEREAS, less than one percent of the U.S. population qualifies for military service; and

WHEREAS, immigrants bring foreign language abilities that fulfill critical shortages to America's ability to perform military missions in other countries; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Reserve Officers Association, d.b.a. Reserve Organization of America, urges the Department of Defense to ensure all Green Card (I-551) holding service members who entered basic training are properly notified of the process required to complete their application for citizenship with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that federal agencies allow visa extensions to accommodate the security clearance process timeline; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress makes service in the uniformed services a permanent program as a path to naturalized U.S. citizenship.

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