

**Ensuring National Security through the Reserve Components
(15: National Security)
Resolution 24-11**

WHEREAS, the 118th Congress, with the codification of Public Law No. 118-5, the *Fiscal Responsibility Act*, imposed top-line spending limits to reduce government spending;

WHEREAS, the FRA, in conjunction with the use of Continuing Resolutions and overly restrictive rules, created conditions that compromise national security and reserve component readiness; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 National Defense Strategy directs the Department of Defense to “act urgently to sustain and strengthen U.S. deterrence, with the People’s Republic of China (PRC) as the Department’s pacing challenge”; and

WHEREAS, despite not having fought a congressionally declared war since 1942, the United States remains in a never-ending state of competition with international actors and enemies foreign and domestic; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 NDS reaffirms that “For more than seven decades, the vision and leadership of the United States have undergirded international peace and prosperity”; and

WHEREAS, despite an increased reliance on the reserve components and their historic reliability, their role in executing the NDS is not clearly defined; and

WHEREAS, self-imposed budget limitations have resulted in reserve component accounts being a “bill payer” for the active component;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Reserve Officers Association, d.b.a. Reserve Organization of America, urges Congress to enable the NDS by ensuring the budget is not used as a tool to shape strategy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the role of the reserve components in executing the NDS is more clearly defined; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a robust and versatile reserve component capability be maintained to support defense of the homeland and national interests overseas.

Renewed by the National Convention, 6 Oct 2024

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Adopted by the National Convention, 31 Jan 2012 (Resolution No. 12-01)

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