

**Reserve Component Members as Reserve Chiefs**  
**(10: RC Funding & Organization)**  
**Resolution 25-14**

**WHEREAS**, the Reserve Components play an important operational role as part of the Total Force concept of defense and national security; and

**WHEREAS**, members in the Reserve Component face some unique challenge maintaining a dual career, and balancing employers and families during their continuum of service that is often not understood by officers serving on Active Duty; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Code Title 10, section 3038 states that “The President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint the Chief of Army Reserve from general officers of the Army Reserve...” and section 8038 uses similar language for the appointment of the Chief of the Air Force Reserve; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Code Title 10, section 5143(b) only requires the President to appoint the Chief of Navy Reserve from flag officers of the Navy, and section 5144(b) only requires the President to appoint the Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, from general officers of the Marine Corps; and

**WHEREAS**, the Reserve Chief of a services Reserve Component should share the experiences of those citizen warriors who are reporting to him or her;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that ROA, d.b.a. the Reserve Organization of America, urges Congress to change sections 5143(b) and 5144(b) of US Code Title 10 to only permit appointments to Chief of the Reserve from the service’s Reserve Component.

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