

**Criticality of Funding for the Reserve Components
(10: Reserve Component Funding & Organization)
Resolution No. 23-10**

WHEREAS, when Congress fails to provide an approved budget for the upcoming fiscal year, a continuing resolution is required to prevent a government shutdown; and

WHEREAS, short term continuing resolutions (CR) provide minimal, pro-rated funding only through a designated number of days or months; and

WHEREAS, the uncertainty associated with CRs has proven enormously challenging as the process results in late distribution of funds and suspends the reserve component's ability to schedule training, inspections or operational mission support for the National Guard and Reserve members; and

WHEREAS, these funding lapses inhibit service members' ability to attain and maintain mission-ready status (and their ability to deploy in support of contingencies); and

WHEREAS, budget delays can result in higher attrition rates due to adverse impacts for service members to achieve a good year for retirement, advance in their career and maintain positive employer relationships with a predictable schedule; and

WHEREAS, "Pay Our Military Act" (POMA) legislation funded personnel in Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) status (which comprises about 4% of our personnel), but it did not include Reserve Technicians or traditional Ready Reservists; and

WHEREAS, most of our Ready Reserve did not regain their ability to train and maintain readiness under appropriations, such as POMA, since they rely on Inactive Duty Training (IDT) and Annual Training (AT) to accomplish the majority of their training,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Reserve Officers Association, d.b.a. Reserve Organization of America, urges Congress to ensure that future legislation, including continuing resolutions, provide full year appropriations that are necessary to maintain reserve component mission readiness (Annual Tour and Inactive Duty Training).

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