

**Defense Innovation Unit
(8: Procurement & Equip/Funding & Orgn)
Resolution No. 23-11**

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense (DoD) established the Defense Innovation Unit Experimental (DIUx) as an initiative in 2015 and relaunched as "DIUx 2.0" in May 2016 with a partner construct modeled after the private sector adding satellite offices in Boston, Austin, and Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, the DIUx and DIUx 2.0 have evolved into the Defense Innovation Unit, which works across DoD to identify and understand critical national security challenges that can be solved with leading-edge commercial technology within 12 to 24 months; and

WHEREAS, DIU strives to competitively solicit proposals for innovative solutions that meet the needs of DoD and award prototype agreements in as few as 60 to 90 days; and

WHEREAS, DIU is the only DoD organization focused exclusively on "fielding and scaling commercial technology across the U.S. military to help solve critical problems"; and

WHEREAS, the DoD's important organizational and leadership changes to DIU, which include the Austin Office being reservist-led and operated, have enabled DoD to more efficiently procure breakthrough technology created in the private sector; and

WHEREAS, Congress has not always recognized the value of the DIU, as evidenced by reducing the DIU's budget by 20 percent from FY 2021 to FY 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Reserve Officers Association, d.b.a. Reserve Organization of America, urges Congress to increase authorizations and appropriations for the Defense Innovation Unit to ensure DoD modernization efforts enable superiority over adversarial capabilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ROA urges Congress to expand this procurement model to the other services research functions for developing cutting edge technologies.

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