

**U.S. Public Health Service Retirement Accrual Account
Resolution No. 23-21
(5: USPHS/NOAA)**

WHEREAS, USPHS Ready Reserve passed in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the CARES Act) on March 27, 2020, as Public Law 116-136.; and

WHEREAS, HHS currently has a Congressional “pay as you go” mandatory line item budget for retirement, retiree medical expenses and The Department of Defense Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Fund (MERHCF); and

WHEREAS, the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force retirees are all paid by the Department of Defense to an accrual system in 1984 from a “pay as you go”, and

WHEREAS, retirement payments are not paid in the event of a government shutdown; however, retirement benefits for other branches of the military are still paid through the Military Retirement Fund, and

WHEREAS, the 116th congressional bill, H.R. 6072, the *Coast Guard Retirement Parity Act*, modifies Title 10 Section 1461(a), Section 1463(a), Section 1465 and Section 1466 for the Department of Defense Military Retirement Fund to pay for U.S. Coast Guard retirement and survivor benefit programs in the same manner as other branches of the military;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Reserve Officers Association, d.b.a. Reserve Organization of America urges Congress to modify Title 10 to fund the U.S. Public Health Service Ready Reserve retirement account using an accrual system.

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