



RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Combat Zone Designation Resolution No. 16-04

WHEREAS, THE United States Army is utilizing the Army National Guard to fill the mission of the Multi-National Force and Observers (MFO) in Sinai, Egypt; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2002 the National Guard from Arkansas, Oregon, Oklahoma, Iowa and now Minnesota have been mobilized and deployed to support the Multi-National Force and Observers (MFO) in Sinai, Egypt; and

WHEREAS, terrorists have settled here in camps from other countries especially after the coup of Egypt's President Morsi and the Muslim Brotherhood government in 2013; and

WHEREAS, soldiers stationed in Sinai, Egypt now face increased ISIS and other militant threats to include mortars, gunfire and IEDs on nearly a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, there have been many injuries and deaths among the MFO as reported in the Army Times since 2015; and

WHEREAS, despite these dangers, Egypt Sinai is not considered a combat zone, a designation by Presidential Executive Order; and

WHEREAS, soldiers in area's considered safer such as Qatar and Kuwait are designated a combat zone;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, chartered by Congress, strongly urge the President and/or the Chief of Staff of the United States Army to establish combat zone designation to the Egypt Sinai mission.

Adopted by the National Council, 14 September 2016

Source: Department of Minnesota, 19 August 2016

NOTE: Public Law 115-97 (H.R. 1), included Sec. 11026, Treatment of Certain Individuals Performing Services in the Sinai Peninsula of Egypt, which recognized the peninsula as a "qualified hazardous duty area" for tax purposes from June 10, 2015 to January 1, 2026. It has not been designated a combat zone.