

**Naturalized US Citizenship Recruiting Programs
Resolution 18-06**

WHEREAS, the United States has a long history from the Civil War of non-citizen service in the US military that leads to the granting of naturalized citizenship; and

WHEREAS, less than one percent of the U.S. population qualifies for military service and; and

WHEREAS, immigrants bring foreign language abilities that fulfill critical shortages to the U.S. ability to perform military missions in other countries; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Defense suspended recruiting for naturalized citizenship candidates in 2016 until a new policy was created to incorporate additional security measures; and

WHEREAS, the military services discharged recruits who had not shipped to initial military training within two years due to security clearance delays; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2017, the Department of Defense created a new policy with a different vetting process and new service requirements (180 days for green-card holders and 365 days for RC) for those in possession of a Form I-551 "green card";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ROA, chartered by Congress, urge the Department of Defense to ensure all Green Card (I-551) holding service members who entered basic training prior to October 13, 2017 are properly notified of the process required to complete their application for citizenship with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED federal agencies should allow visa extensions to accommodate the security clearance process timeline; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Congress should make service in the military a permanent program as a path to naturalized U.S. Citizenship.

Adopted by the National Convention, 30 Sep 2018

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