

**National Security of the Reserve Component
Resolution 18-08**

WHEREAS, the growing national debt has surpassed \$21 trillion dollars; and

WHEREAS, the FY2019 budget of \$4.407 trillion with an estimated \$3.422 trillion in revenue will create a \$985 billion deficit; the country can ill-afford to continue deficit spending; and

WHEREAS, according to NATO* the United States defense budget for 2018 leads other countries with a 3.5 percent of the Gross Domestic Budget; and

WHEREAS, other countries must be encouraged to increase their defense expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 National Defense Strategy will “Drive budget discipline and affordability to achieve solvency . . . ” with effective financial stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 strategy is defined by “...defeating aggression by a major power; deterring opportunistic aggression elsewhere; and disrupting imminent terrorist and WMD threats.”;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ROA, chartered by Congress, urge the Congress to ensure that the National Defense Strategy is adequately funded and that the budget is not used as a tool to shape strategy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the defense budget not use Reserve Component accounts as a bill payer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Defense always first consider transferring equipment and missions into the Reserve Components, rather than reducing capabilities by cutting defense assets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a robust and versatile Reserve Component be maintained to support defense of the homeland and national interests overseas.

Renewed by the National Convention, 30 Sep 2018

Renewed by the National Convention, 29 Jul 2015 (Resolution No. 15-06)

Adopted by the National Convention, 31 Jan 2012 (Resolution No. 12-01)

Source: ROA National Staff (MH), 2012

*Defence Expenditure of NATO Countries (2011-2018), July 2018

https://www.nato.int/nato_static_fl2014/assets/pdf/pdf_2018_07/20180709_180710-pr2018-91-en.pdf