

**U.S. Public Health Service Ready Reserve
Resolution 19-04**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps is a uniformed service to protect, promote, and advance the health and safety of our Nation; and

WHEREAS, inactive reservists voluntarily activated to provide over 3,000 active-duty days annually for routine and public health emergencies, according to USPHS; and

WHEREAS, whereas USPHS reservists have assisted with emergencies and humanitarian missions and to provide surge capacity for isolated and hardship underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, a Ready Reserve Corps Working Integrated Project Team (WIPT) was convened in April 2010 to propose policy concepts, a strategic framework, and a budget for the Ready Reserve Corps before drafting directives and policies needed to implement the new law; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 USPHS said they would coordinate Ready Reserve Corps initiatives and communications on appointment criteria, policies, and application procedures but none have been posted; and

WHEREAS, The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-48, 23 March 2010) established the Ready Reserve Corps as the new surge capacity for the USPHS; and

WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Care Act abolished the Inactive Reserve Corps (IRC) on 23 March 2010 and converted the commissions of the 10,000 officers who were on file as IRC officers to the Ready Reserve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ROA, chartered by Congress, urge Congress to fund the Ready Reserve of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.

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