

**Selective Service Act Registration of Women
(National Security)
Resolution 19-14**

WHEREAS, fully 15.9 percent of active duty and 19.6 percent of National Guard and Reserves are now women (<https://download.militaryonesource.mil/12038/MOS/Reports/2017-demographics-report.pdf>); and

WHEREAS, in contrast to today's force, the percentage of women in uniform was just 2 percent in 1950; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter rescinded the combat exclusion policy "effective immediately"; and

WHEREAS, over 275,000 women have deployed (<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/report/2011/womens-concerns-afghanistan.pdf>); and

WHEREAS, DOD Casualty for Overseas Contingency Operations reported as of August 2019, "171 women have lost their lives and 1,033 had been wounded in action operations" (<https://fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/R42075.pdf>); and

WHEREAS, an inequality exists between men and women between the ages of 18-26 under the Selective Service Act which does not include registration of women; and

WHEREAS, women should be treated equally as responsible, competent, contributing members of America's society;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ROA, chartered by Congress, urge Congress, to support amending the Selective Service Act to require the registration of women ages 18-26.

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