

**Maintain Coast Guard Reserve Funded End Strength
(Coast Guard)
Resolution 19-19**

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard has served our nation as one of the five armed forces and has participated in every armed conflict since 1790; and

WHEREAS, in addition, as this nation's "Maritime First Responder," the Coast Guard serves as a crucial response element of the Department of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard Reserve has been recalled for two defense contingencies and ten non-defense emergencies since 1973 (<https://www.reserve.uscg.mil/about/history/>) ; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard Reserve supports the Coast Guard in defending the U.S. against terrorist attacks, which includes protecting 361 ports, 95,000 miles of coast line, and 3.5 million square miles of territorial and economic zone waters; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard Selected Reserve has been significantly reduced from a high of 12,000 authorized to currently 7,000 but ROA believes the end strength should be increased to 8,000 which was the amount at 9/11, and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard cyber mission includes defending cyberspace, enabling operations, and protecting infrastructure to include that the Ready Reserve Force is equipped to confront cyber challenges as well as national emergencies, according to Cameron Naron, director of the Office of Maritime Security at the Maritime Administration (MARAD) on July 11, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the attacks of September 11th, Hurricane Katrina, and the Deep Water Oil Spill have emphasized and proven the need for a strong homeland defense and large Coast Guard Reserve to support both ongoing and surge missions, and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard leadership has said it could not have performed adequately without the Coast Guard Reserve since September 11th for these missions;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ROA chartered by Congress urge Congress to increase the Coast Guard Reserve funding level to support manning for the Coast Guard Reserve in order in order that the Coast Guard can adequately meet its congressionally mandated missions of protecting our ports and waterways, Maritime Security, and operational readiness for future disaster responses.

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