

**U.S. Public Health Service - Service Awards
(NOAA & USPHS)
Resolution 19-30**

WHEREAS, under law, the US Public Health Service (USPHS), as a uniformed service, is composed of Regular Corps and Ready Reserve officers on active or inactive status; and

WHEREAS, the USPHS provides official award recognition based solely on being granted a commission in the United States Public Health Service Regular Corps

WHEREAS, a service award is not provided to officers holding a commission in the USPHS Ready Reserve; and

WHEREAS, USPHS Reserve officers contribute as a joint force to the national defense mission while on active and inactive status;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ROA, chartered by Congress, urge the Congress to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultations with the Surgeon General of the United States, to establish the Ready Reserve Service Medal for all officers who have honorably served a total of ten years with a U.S. Public Health Service Ready Reserve commission.

Renewed: 29 Sept 2019 (Res 16-25), 14 Sept 2016, 10 Aug 2013, 10 Feb 2010, and 30 Jun 2007