



# ***The Aerospace States Association***

## **Resolution 2025-1**

### **AEROSPACE STATES ASSOCIATION (ASA) SUPPORTS FULL FUNDING OF THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA)**

**WHEREAS**, the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958 states that NASA shall expand human knowledge of the Earth and of phenomena in the atmosphere and space; and,

**WHEREAS**, the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958 states that NASA shall preserve the role of the United States as a leader in space science; and,

**WHEREAS**, NASA serves a unique role as anchor customer for the commercial space sector, coordinator of multi-decadal projects of national importance, and incubator for public-benefiting scientific research and technology development; and,

**WHEREAS**, NASA deep space exploration programs such as Artemis, the Mars Exploration Rovers, and others, have a 3-to-1 return on the taxpayer's investment, annually generating \$75 billion in the nation's economy; and,

**WHEREAS**, NASA deep space exploration and science programs such as the James Webb Space Telescope inspire the nation's youth to study science, technology, engineering and mathematics; and,

**WHEREAS**, the United States is engaged in a multi-front competition with the People's Republic of China to send a new generation of explorers to the Moon, build a sustainable lunar economy, return scientifically valuable samples from Mars, develop the next generation of space telescopes, and determine the balance of power for the 21st Century; and,

**WHEREAS**, NASA's deep space exploration and science programs offer the nation's best path towards achieving these milestones first; and,

**WHEREAS**, NASA funding for deep space exploration was projected to reach a level of \$7.8 billion in fiscal year 2026; and,

**WHEREAS**, Congress enacted budgets in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 that fund NASA at \$24.8 billion, of which \$7.7 billion goes to deep space exploration and \$7.3 billion goes to science; and,

**WHEREAS**, the NASA Transition Authorization Act proposes a NASA topline budget of \$25.5 billion; and,

**WHEREAS**, the President's fiscal year 2026 budget request proposed significantly lower levels for NASA than the FY 2025 appropriations, forcing the agency to cancel the Artemis Program after Artemis III and terminate more than \$12 billion worth of active scientific spacecraft, already paid for by and delivering results for the American taxpayer, at a critical time for the agency; and,



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**WHEREAS**, Congress has a responsibility to enact a budget that is fiscally responsible and that makes strategic investments in the future success of the nation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Congress and the President agreed in P.L. 119-21 to extend Artemis to Artemis IV and V, providing a supplemental \$9.995 billion in funding for these and other human exploration projects over the next seven years; and,

**WHEREAS**, both the House of Representatives and Senate have introduced independent FY 2026 budgets that maintain level funding for NASA at \$24.8 billion; and,

**WHEREAS**, combined, this funding will allow NASA to continue leading the world in science and exploration, generating economic prosperity, and inspiring future generations in a bi-partisan and fiscally responsible way; and,

**WHEREAS**, this flat funding represents clear congressional intent to maintain a stable budget for NASA amid growing geopolitical threats and to bolster the domestic space economy; and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Aerospace States Association, hereby encourages all members of the United States Congress to approve fiscally accountable levels for NASA based on the FY 2026 budget proposals, maintaining NASA funding flat at the currently-enacted \$24.8 billion, providing no less than \$7.3 billion for science and \$7.7 billion for deep space exploration.

**ADOPTED ON THIS 30<sup>th</sup> OF JULY.**

**ASA Secretary**  
**Lt Governor Howie Morales, New Mexico**