



# The Aerospace States Association

## Resolution 2024-2

### **ASA SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL FUNDING FOR REPLACEMENT DRONES FOR FIRST RESPONDERS**

**WHEREAS**, drone technology is a critical tool for future economies and our national security; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chinese drone market has captured 90% of the U.S. Drone Market, 70% of the industrial market and 92% of the first responder market; and,

**WHEREAS**, two Chinese companies have dominated the market, Da Jiang Innovations, or DJI, and Autel, through subsidies from the Peoples Republic of China's (PRC) "Made in China 2025" initiative according to AUVSI (Association for Uncrewed Vehicle Systems International); and,

**WHEREAS**, such a large market share dominates the supply chain for manufacturing of drones and makes competition cost prohibitive; and,

**WHEREAS**, China's substantial control of the drone industry poses a national security risk to the United States both militarily and commercially; and,

**WHEREAS**, U.S. first responders have come to rely on drone technology for firefighting, search and rescue, surveillance, disaster assistance, and more; and,

**WHEREAS**, the replacement of these drones with secure non-Chinese competitors is vital to ensuring the security of the country and the economic competitiveness of the domestic UAS manufacturing industry; and,

**WHEREAS**, Congress should enact commonsense policy to level the playing field for domestic and allied UAS (Uncrewed Aerial Systems) manufacturers with foreign subsidized competition from China through grant programs, loan guarantees, tax incentives, and other legislative mechanisms that provide a suitable period for Chinese drone users to transition their fleets to secure alternatives, and ensures funding is tied to that transition period; and

**WHEREAS**, the Aerospace States Association (ASA) supports the need for a competitive market for drones based on a level playing field for all companies;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the ASA supports initiatives to increase domestic drone manufacturing and ensuring a level and competitive playing field in the drone marketplace for the nation's economic and national security; and,

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the ASA, in defense of our national security and economy, supports initiatives to provide funding to first responders to replace Chinese drones and components with U.S. and allied manufactured replacements with the same capabilities and functions.

**ADOPTED ON THIS** 26<sup>th</sup> **OF** June, 2024.

  
**ASA Secretary/Lt Governor Josh Tenorio, Guam**