



# The Aerospace States Association

## Resolution 2024-7

### **AEROSPACE STATES ASSOCIATION (ASA) URGES PASSAGE OF THE COMMERCIAL SPACEFLIGHT OPERATIONS ACT OF 2024**

**WHEREAS**, Commercial Spaceflight is becoming increasingly important for both national security and economic competitiveness; and,

**WHEREAS**, commercial space activity has increased tenfold over the last 10 years, and projections by the World Economic Forum and McKinsey & Co. state that the global space economy will exceed \$1.8 trillion by 2035; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee (COMSTAC) at its meeting on April 23, 2024 by a unanimous vote, approved the recommendation to move the office of commercial space transportation out from under the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and have it report directly to the Secretary of Transportation; and,

**WHEREAS**, current law prevents commercial spaceflight companies from conducting spaceflight training programs using high-performance or former military aircraft, just like NASA does;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the ASA specifically requests that the U.S. Department of Transportation elevate the office of commercial space transportation out from under the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and have it report directly to the Secretary of Transportation; and,

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, ASA supports modifying the current statutory definition for Space Support Vehicles to enable commercial spaceflight companies to conduct spaceflight training programs using high-performance or former military aircraft, just like NASA does; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the ASA supports the development and funding of a National Spaceport Network, consisting of current and prospective commercial spaceports, government launch & landing sites, and privately-owned-and-operated launch & landing sites, that would allow assured access to space for all users, while enabling the U.S. to satisfy national security requirements, maintain technological leadership, enable international competitiveness, and provide inspiration for students and the development of a robust aerospace workforce.

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

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