



ASA Resolution 106-102

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;

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;

WHEREAS, NASA space science programs such as the Hubble Space Telescope, the Mars Exploration Rovers, and Deep Impact, have made significant contributions to the nation's economy;

WHEREAS, NASA space science programs such as Voyager 1 and the Spitzer Space Telescope inspire the nation's youth to study science, technology, engineering and mathematics;

WHEREAS, NASA funding for space science was projected to reach a level of \$5.960 billion in fiscal year 2007 and to increase to \$6.797 billion in fiscal year 2010;

WHEREAS, the President's budget request for space science in fiscal year 2007 was \$5.330 billion and included a 15 percent reduction in science research, a 50 percent reduction in astrobiology research and the termination of several significant space science programs;

WHEREAS, the President directed NASA in a Vision for U.S. Space Exploration on January 14, 2004, to advance U.S. scientific, security, and economic interests through a robust space exploration program by returning to the Moon by the year 2020, and to Mars and other destinations at a later time;

WHEREAS, Congress approved the Vision for U.S. Space Exploration in Public Law 109-155, the NASA Authorization Act of 2005;

WHEREAS, Congress authorized funding for NASA in the amount of \$17.932 billion for fiscal year 2007 and \$18.686 billion for fiscal year 2008 in Public Law 109-155;

WHEREAS, the President's budget request for NASA was \$16.8 billion for fiscal year 2007;

WHEREAS, the House Appropriations Committee approved funding for NASA in the amount of \$16.709 billion for fiscal year 2007;

WHEREAS, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved funding for NASA in the amount of \$16.757 billion for fiscal year 2007;

WHEREAS, the Senate Committee on Appropriations approved additional emergency funding for NASA in the amount of \$1.04 billion in fiscal year 2007 in order to pay for the return the Space Shuttle fleet to flight after the loss of the space shuttle Columbia in 2004;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aerospace States Association, hereby encourages all members of the United States Congress to approve emergency funding for NASA in the amount of \$1.04 billion in fiscal year 2007, to

approve additional emergency funding for NASA in the amount of at least \$1 billion in fiscal year 2008 and to establish as a goal one percent of the federal budget for NASA so that the agency may complete the Vision for U.S. Space Exploration as well as provide adequate funding for space science.

The Honorable Loren Leman, Lt. Gov., Alaska
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