

Chancellor's Memorandum CM-22 – Statement of Support for The Guard and Reserve

To: Vice Chancellors, Deans, Administrative Staff, Department Heads, and Students.

From: LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans Chancellor

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We recognize the National Guard and Reserve as essential to the strength of our nation and the well-being of our communities.

In the highest American tradition, the patriotic men and women of the Guard and Reserve serve voluntarily in an honorable and vital profession. They train to respond to their country in time of need. They deserve the support of every segment of our society.

If these volunteer forces are to continue to serve our nation, increased public understanding is required of the essential role of the Guard and Reserve in preserving our national security. Their members must have the cooperation of all American employers in encouraging participation in Guard and Reserve training programs.

Therefore, we join other employers in pledging that:

- 1. Employment will not be denied because of service in the Guard or Reserve.
- 2. Employee job and career opportunities will not be limited or reduced because of service in the Guard or Reserve.
- 3. Employees will be granted leaves of absence for military training in the Guard or Reserve, consistent with existing laws; and
- 4. This statement and its resultant policies will be made known throughout our organization.

Signed: Perry G. Rigby, Ph.D., Chancellor