

AAS Endorsement

Astronomy and Astrophysics in the New Millennium
A report of the
Astronomy and Astrophysics Survey Committee
Board on Physics and Astronomy
Space Studies Board
Commission on Physical Sciences, Mathematics and Applications
National Research Council

Whereas, the National Research Council has recently completed and published the report *Astronomy and Astrophysics in the New Millennium* and,

Whereas, the report represents a consensus of the astronomy and astrophysics community as to the priorities for federal investment in astronomy and astrophysics research for the coming decade and,

Whereas, the process by which the report was produced was carried out in a fully open manner and included many opportunities for input from the astronomy and astrophysics community as well as open public sessions in several locations and at meetings of the American Astronomical Society and,

Whereas, the report will be presented to Congress as an important and useful document for establishing federal investment in astronomical and astrophysical research in the coming decade,

The American Astronomical Society hereby endorses the report as presenting a valid and balanced set of priorities for the coming decade for investment in astronomy and astrophysical research.

Further, the American Astronomical Society encourages its members, other astronomy, astrophysics and related researchers, astronomy and astrophysics enthusiasts, the public and especially members of Congress and the Administration to fully embrace the report and use it when making policy decisions regarding federal investment in astronomical and astrophysical research during the coming decade.

The AAS Council endorsed this statement on January 7, 2001.