

SUPPORT OF MANDATORY FUNDING FOR VETERANS' HEALTHCARE SERVICES

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Irondequoit, Monroe County, New York held at the Town Hall, 1280 Titus Avenue, in said Town of Irondequoit, on the 27th day of February, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.; there were

PRESENT:

Mary Ellen Heyman	Town Supervisor
Gail Bello	Town Board Member
Lydia Dzus	Town Board Member
Debbie Evans	Town Board Member
James Turner	Town Board Member
Patrick Malgieri	Attorney for the Town

Town Board member **Bello** offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Veterans Affairs mission and motto is, "to care for him who has borne the battle, and for his widow and orphan;" and

**WHEREAS**, President George Washington stated, "The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportionate to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their country;" and

**WHEREAS**, whenever the United States military has ever been called upon to send forces into harms way, including men and women from Irondequoit, they have proudly answered the call; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2006 the United States Senate voted down mandatory funding for veterans' healthcare services (Ref: Stabenow Amendment No. 3141), which would have insured mandatory funding for our veterans' healthcare needs; and

**WHEREAS**, former Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony Principi has publicly stated the Department of Veterans Affairs has been struggling to provide promised healthcare services to the rapidly rising number of veterans requiring healthcare services;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that

1. The Irondequoit Town Board fully supports mandatory funding for veterans' healthcare services.
2. The Irondequoit Town Board urges the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate to move promptly to ensure that these healthcare obligations to our veterans be recognized by introducing and passing legislation to guarantee full mandatory funding of veterans' healthcare services, and that the President sign such legislation into law.
3. A copy of this resolution will be distributed to the President of the United States and members of the United States Congress.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Seconded by Town Board member Evans and duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

Town Supervisor	Heyman	voting <u>Aye</u>
Town Board Member	Bello	voting <u>Aye</u>
Town Board Member	Dzus	voting <u>Aye</u>
Town Board Member	Evans	voting <u>Aye</u>
Town Board Member	Turner	voting <u>Aye</u>

