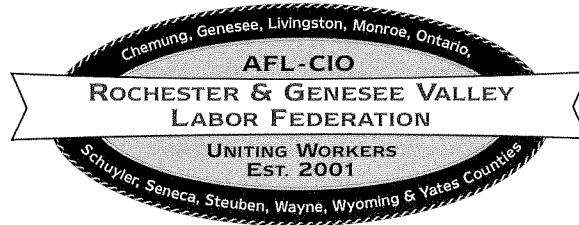


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RESOLUTION

Mandatory Funding for Veterans' Healthcare Services (Including Dental and Mental Health)

Sponsored by
Rochester & Genesee Valley Area Labor Federation

Whereas, the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) 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 the brother and sister veterans of the Rochester & Genesee Valley Area Labor Federation, in the State of New York, they have proudly answered the call; and

Whereas, we, as citizens of the United States of America have promised our troops thru military enlistment contracts comprehensive quality accessible healthcare for those veterans honorably discharged from The United States military; and

Whereas, the legislative bodies of our government at all levels have recognized the importance of supporting those who serve our great country, legislation itself has fallen short of meeting the healthcare needs of our veterans. The current discretionary funding mechanisms for veterans healthcare is beset by numerous flaws preventing many veterans from receiving the quality healthcare they earned and deserve; 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. (YEA 46 / NAY 54); and

Whereas, a Government Accountability Office (GAO) report in 2005 highlighted the lack of resources experienced by the Veterans Administration and its understaffed workforce as they attempt to process an increasing backlog of our veterans claims; 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, as proud citizens of this great nation we fully support mandatory funding for veterans' healthcare services; and

Therefore be it further resolved, the United States House of Representative and the United States Senate move to ensure that these healthcare obligations to our veterans be recognized and legislation be introduced and passed for signing by the President of the United States of America to guarantee full mandatory funding of veterans' healthcare services; and

Therefore be it further resolved, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the President of the United States, members of the United States Congress and members of the United States Senate.



James V. Bertolone, President

Unanimously Adopted January, 17, 2007

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At a Town Board Meeting of the
Town of Brighton, Monroe County,
New York, held at the Brighton
Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Avenue,
in said Town of Brighton on the
24th day of January, 2007.

PRESENT:

SANDRA L. FRANKEL,
Supervisor
JAMES R. VOGEL
RAYMOND J. TIERNEY III
SHERRY S. KRAUS
LOUISE NOVROS

Certified to be a true copy of a
record on file in Brighton Town
Clerk's Office



Councilpersons.

Whereas, the mission and motto of the Department of Veterans Affairs 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 sons and daughters of the Town of Brighton , they have proudly answered the call; and

Whereas, we, as citizens of the United States of America, have promised our troops through military enlistment contracts comprehensive quality accessible healthcare for those veterans honorably discharged from The United States military past, present and future; and

Whereas, although the legislative bodies of our government at all levels have recognized the importance of supporting those who serve our great country, legislation itself has fallen short of meeting the healthcare needs of our veterans and the current discretionary funding mechanisms for veterans' healthcare is beset by numerous flaws preventing many veterans from receiving the quality healthcare they earned and deserve; and

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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; it is therefore

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Brighton fully supports mandatory federal funding for veterans' healthcare services; and be it further

Resolved, the Town Board of the Town of Brighton hereby urges the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate move promptly to ensure that these healthcare obligations to our veterans be recognized by introducing and passing legislation guaranteeing full mandatory funding of veterans' healthcare services, and that the President sign such legislation into law; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution will be distributed to the President of the United States and members of the United States Congress.

Dated: January 24, 2007

Sandra L. Frankel, Supervisor

Voting aye

James R. Vogel, Councilman

Voting aye

Raymond J. Tierney III, Councilman

Voting aye

Sherry S. Kraus, Councilperson

Voting aye

Louise Novros, Councilperson

Voting aye