

## RESOLUTION 2014-2

### SUPPORT FOR THE IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION OF ADULT DAY HEALTH AND DOMICILIARY CARE REGULATIONS BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**WHEREAS**, State Veterans Homes were founded for veterans after the American Civil War and have ably served disabled veterans for nearly 150 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Every State operates at least one State Veterans Home, and more State Veterans Homes and beds and other programs within them are planned or projected annually to meet a growing demand for long term care programs and facilities for American's elderly, sick and disabled veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, The State Veterans Home program has proven itself to be the most cost-effective source of high quality long-term health care services for the nation's veterans who need skilled nursing, domiciliary, adult day health care and other specialized programs to meet their needs; and

**WHEREAS**, State Veterans Homes provide 53 percent of the VA's long-term care workload at 16 percent of the VA total expenditures for long-term care<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) promotes the care and treatment of veterans in State Veterans Homes as an important means to attain its goal of developing, providing and maintaining the highest quality of care for eligible veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, Adult day health care is recognized as a crucial element in the continuum of providing safe, effective, and cost efficient long-term care to veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, The revised regulations on adult day health and domiciliary care have been under review by the VA for more than FOUR years; and

**WHEREAS**, This has caused several States to postpone or put off plans to establish adult day health care programs; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Association of State Veterans Homes (NASVH) urges the VA to immediately publish the adult day health and domiciliary regulations so that States may establish such programs for veterans within their States.

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**Dated this 25th Day of February, 2014**



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<sup>1</sup> GAO-1489, Report to the Ranking Member, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, House of Representatives, December 2013