

## RESOLUTION 2014-3

### SUPPORT FOR STATE VETERANS HOMES TO USE EXCESS CAPACITY FOR PROVIDING RESIDENTIAL CARE TO HOMELESS VETERANS AND TO RECEIVE PER DIEM FROM 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 America's veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Vision is to work to end Veteran homelessness by collaborating with internal and external partners to increase homeless Veteran access to healthcare, income, and stable affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, The State Veterans Home program has proven itself to be the most cost-effective source of high quality health care services for the nation's Veterans who need long-term care and specialized needs; and

**WHEREAS**, State Veterans Homes already 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**, State Veterans Homes already provide physical, medical, and supportive services as required under the VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program; and

**WHEREAS**, State Veterans Homes would utilize otherwise empty beds and unused resources to supplement these transitional programs; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Association of State Veterans Homes (NASVH) supports legislative or regulatory authorization to permit State Veterans Homes to use excess capacity to provide residential care and supportive services to homeless veterans, and to be eligible to receive VA per diem payments for those services under the VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program.

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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