

DRAFT RESOLUTION 20-24

SUBJECT: Suicide Prevention Outreach

SOURCE: TN

WHEREAS, as of the latest Department of Veterans Affairs data twenty veterans commit suicide daily; and

WHEREAS, women veterans commit suicide at the highest rate compared to male veterans and female and male civilians; and

WHEREAS, suicide causes suffering and feelings of helplessness among families and loved ones; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that suicide awareness needs to be front and center at our community, state, and federal level, be it further

RESOLVED, that each AMVETS department have a designated suicide liaison from either AMVETS, AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, AMVETS Sons, or the AMVETS Riders; and be it further

RESOLVED that each AMVETS department have, or have access to, a suicide awareness silhouette or something similar for outreach and to help promote awareness.

Committee Recommendations:

Veterans Suicide Awareness Committee: Did not review

Women Veterans: Amendment – Add “trained” to “designated suicide liaison”

Communications Committee:

Floor Action: ADOPTED as amended