RESOLUTION 12-21

SUBJECT: Advanced Appropriations

WHEREAS, The nation has been operating on Continued Resolutions for funding since the end of Fiscal Year 2010; and

WHEREAS, The recently averted federal government shutdown caused undue fear and uncertainties among the veteran community and would have undue financial stress and hardships on our servicemembers and their families; and

WHEREAS, The Veterans Benefit Administration (VBA) has been unable to operate properly or work on the planning of current and future programs and services without a FY 11’ budget; and

WHEREAS, Vital programs and services provided by VBA would have had to cease all operations during the federal government shutdown causing new claims to not be processed and critical hotlines phone numbers to be closed: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That AMVETS believes it do be ineffective and irresponsible to run the federal government on a budget that stands to expire every couple of weeks or less; and be it further

RESOLVED, That AMVETS condemns any budget matter that has a negative impact on the care, services or entitlements our veteran and military communities depend on; and be it further

RESOLVED, That AMVETS supports advanced appropriations and urges congress to pass stronger laws requiring a fiscally responsible budget be passed and in place no later than September 30th of every year, in order to ensure the proper function of the federal government, as well as protecting VA services, programs and entitlements.