RESOLUTION 12-25

SUBJECT: Veterans Preference, Veterans Priority of Service and Other Special Considerations in Employment and Training Programs

WHEREAS, Veterans Preference and Priority of Service for veterans has been afforded to veterans since the days of our colonies to the present day; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Preference and Priority of Service has been challenged, tested, and upheld by the Supreme Court many times; and

WHEREAS, The environment, legislation, technology, configuration and funding of employment and training programs has been ever changing, and any public agency receiving US Department of Labor funding, including Wagner-Peyser Act and Workforce Investment Act, have the responsibility to provide priority of service to veterans and other eligible persons prior to other applicants; and

WHEREAS, Under Title 38 U.S.C., veterans and other eligible persons shall be provided maximum opportunities of employment, training, counseling, and other services prior to other applicants; and

WHEREAS, Service Delivery Points as defined by federal regulations are ever changing into One Stop Career Centers or Customer Service Centers, whereby several agencies, are collocated and/or electronically linked to provide streamlined and seamless services to their customers with no veterans preference or priority of services to veterans: now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That AMVETS support that Veterans Priority of Service be expanded to include any agency or organization, state or federal, that receives federal funding for employment and training, directly or through federal grants through the States [including the Workforce Investment Act (WIA)]; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the U.S. Secretary of Labor shall bring together the appropriate departments to establish Department of Labor policy for veterans preference and priority of service in Employment and Training Programs and the Secretary of Labor shall vigorously implement such policy, and that policies and procedures be created that will help organizations serve veterans and employers fairly.