RESOLUTION 13-10

SUBJECT: Prosthetics and Sensory Aides

WHEREAS, The number of veterans needing the services of the Veterans Health Administration’s (VHA) Prosthetics and Sensory Aide’s (PSAS) services has grown by 1800 percent over the past five years; and

WHEREAS, the number of veterans needing PSAS care and services is projected to continue to rise due to our aging veteran population and the injuries veterans are returning with from current and recent conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the prosthetics program continues to lack consistent administration of prosthetics services throughout the VHA; and

WHEREAS, any item or device that goes in a veteran, on a veteran or a veteran uses is a prosthetic device by the Department of Veterans Affairs: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that AMVETS believes it is vital to the well being of our veteran community for Congress and VA to maintain the proper growth in appropriated funds for PSAS in order to keep pace with the veterans requiring their services and care; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS reminds Congress that centralized budgeting, adequate funding and appropriate staffing for PSAS will continue to be of the utmost importance in properly caring and providing for our wounded warriors, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS believes that VHA must require all Veteran Integrated Service Networks (VISNs) to adopt consistent operational standards in accordance with national prosthetics policies, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS urges the Department of Veterans Affairs to keep access to PSAS care and services as a top priority for VA.