RESOLUTION 13-30

SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

SUBJECT: FRAUD PREVENTION CONTROLS OVER SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The Service Disabled Veteran- Owned Small Business Program (SDVOSB) designed to steer $4 billion in government contracts to businesses owned by disabled military veterans has allowed over $90 million to be fraudulently awarded to ineligible companies; and

WHEREAS, The Small Business Administration failed to properly check applicants before awarding contracts and failed to take action on disabled veterans complaints of abuse; and

WHEREAS, testimonies presented by the United States Government Accountability Office delivered on November 19 and December 16, 2009 identified millions of dollars of SDVOSB contracts awarded to ineligible firms; and millions of dollars of SDVOSB contracts awarded to ineligible firms; and

RESOLVED, Investigation, prevention and monitoring controls will not be effective unless identified fraud is aggressively prosecuted or companies are suspended, debarred or otherwise held accountable; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that AMVETS petition Congress to enact legislation that would prosecute firms found abusing the SDVOSB program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS supports the Veterans Administration and the Small Business Administration to expose ineligible firms awarded contracts under the SDVOSB program.