RESOLUTION 14-25

SUBJECT: Women Service Members’ Gear in Theater

SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, DoD estimates as of 2010 16 percent of active duty military forces are women and 18 percent of the National Guard and Reserve are women; and

WHEREAS, Today women service members are being deployed to the same combat zones as their male counterparts; and

WHEREAS, DoD has not been able to keep up with the needs of our ever-changing military forces; and

WHEREAS, the standard issue military combat uniform issued to women service members was designed for a male’s body and is often hindering their ability to perform at their peak performance levels: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, AMVETS believes it is in the best interest of our female service members and our entire fighting force to equip and arm our women service members with properly designed gear; and be it further

RESOLVED, AMVETS urges DoD to continue and further their testing of gender specific gear in order to ensure the success of our fighting forces in theater.