RESOLUTION 14-27

SUBJECT: Protection of American War Memorials, Monuments & Veterans Graves

SOURCE: DEPT OF NORTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, Numerous recent attempts by various and sundry parties have placed the existence and protection of American war memorials, monuments and veterans graves at risk of destruction, damage or disturbance; and

WHEREAS, These threats impact the full spectrum of American veterans to include, but not limited to; various and sundry attacks on Civil War monuments, memorials and graves in multiple jurisdictions; the World War I Mojave War Memorial Cross and monument; the Waikiki War Memorial Natatorium Pool to World War I veterans; the San Diego War Memorial to Korean veterans and the 1995 attempt to misrepresent the Enola Gay’s role in World War II; and

WHEREAS, such destruction, damage or disturbance disrespects the memory of those American Veterans who served their nation in various capacities in times of war and peace; and

WHEREAS, such destruction, damage or disturbance is harmful to preserving, protecting and defending the memory of the sacrifices of deceased American veterans from the nation’s various conflicts; and

WHEREAS, Current Federal legislation is inadequate to ensure the protection of American war memorials, monuments or veterans graves on non-Federal lands: now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that AMVETS petition Congress to enact Federal legislation to ensure permanent protections of American war memorials, monuments and veterans graves.