DRAFT RESOLUTION 15-23
SUBJECT: INCREASING TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR DISABLED VETERANS
SOURCE: AZ, MO, FL, WA, TN, VA, IL, DC, NJ, MA, MD, OH, IN, WI, CT, PA, CA, TX, ND, MN,

WHEREAS, the ever increasing price of gas is causing an unjust burden for disabled veterans traveling to VA medical facilities; and

WHEREAS, many veterans travel long distances to receive medical and/or mental healthcare treatments and services; and

WHEREAS, disabled veterans traveling to VA facilities for service-related injuries are only eligible to receive mileage reimbursement at the rate of 41.5 cents per mile (the federal government/employee rate is 55.5 cents per mile.) This mileage is also subject to a deductible of $3 for a one way trip and $6 for a round trip, with a maximum of $18 per calendar month; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That AMVETS endorse legislation that would reimburse disabled veterans at the prevailing federal employee rate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the aforementioned legislation mandate the mileage reimbursement funding cannot and will not take away from funds already in place to support other Department of Veterans Affairs programs.