DRAFT RESOLUTION 15-30
SUBJECT: ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS
SOURCE: AZ, MO, WA, TN, VA, IL, DC, NJ, MA, MD, OH, IN, WI, CT, PA, CA, TX, ND, MN,

WHEREAS, as the country continues to face a difficult and uncertain fiscal future, the VA is not immune to the challenges that all federal agencies face and recognizing that Congress and the Administration are under immense pressure to reduce federal spending; and

WHEREAS, the recent government shutdown has, without a doubt proven, advance appropriations not only work, they work well. While other critical veteran services were delayed, disrupted and/or suspended, thanks to their advance funding, VA hospitals and clinics were able to continue providing uninterrupted care to our veterans; and

WHEREAS, vital programs and services provided by VBA would have had to cease all operations during the federal government shutdown causing new claims to not be processed and critical hotlines phone numbers to be closed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that AMVETS believes it do be ineffective and irresponsible to run the federal government on a budget that stands to expire every couple of weeks or less; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS condemns any budget matter that has a negative impact on the care, services or entitlements our veteran and military communities depend on; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS supports advanced appropriations for all VA mandatory and discretionary accounts and urges congress to pass stronger laws requiring a fiscally responsible budget be passed and in place no later than September 30th of every year, in order to ensure the proper function of the federal government, as well as protecting VA services, programs and entitlements.