DRAFT RESOLUTION 15-36
SUBJECT: END VETERANS HOMELESSNESS
SOURCE: AZ, MO, FL, WA, TN, TX, VA, IL, DC, NJ, MA, MD, OH, IN, WI, CT, CA, ND, MN,

WHEREAS, everyday brave men and women who have served in the Armed Forces and selflessly risked their lives to protect the great nation’s freedom, return home to a life of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Veteran Affairs estimates 62,619 veterans are homeless on any given night, and over the course of a year approximately twice that will experience homelessness. While the number of homeless veterans overall has declined by 17% since 2012, homelessness among women veterans, including those with children, is steadily increasing; and

WHEREAS, if the trend in reducing the number of homeless veterans is to continue, the Department of Veterans Affairs must sustain funding for supportive services and housing, improve prevention strategies aimed toward at-risk veterans, continue collaboration with community partners and make a variety of additional investments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that AMVETS believes it is vital to provide veterans secure, safe, and clean housing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS strongly reminds Congress of the need for adequate funding of homeless veteran programs and housing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS believes that no veteran, from any era, should be living on the streets of our cities.