DRAFT RESOLUTION 15-40
SUBJECT: PROPER DISPLAY OF THE UNITED STATES FLAG AT HALF STAFF
SOURCE: WI

WHEREAS, in 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower established protocol for the proper display of the U.S. flag at half-staff; and

WHEREAS, President Eisenhower’s 1954 proclamation stipulated that the flag should be flown at half-staff, for varying lengths of time, to mark the deaths of principal figures of the United States Government or the Governor of a State, Territory or Possession; and

WHEREAS, The President may order the flag to be flown at half-staff to mark the death of other officials, former officials, or foreign dignitaries or after a tragic event; and

WHEREAS, since that time, these guidelines have been severely eroded to the point that the U.S. flag has been flown at half-staff to mark the death of drug-overdosed entertainers and others that disrespected societies laws and did not live a respectful existence which does not meet President Eisenhower’s criteria; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that AMVETS strongly support the proper half-mast display of the United States flag according to President Eisenhower’s original guidelines.