

**DRAFT RESOLUTION 19-15**

**SUBJECT:** AMVETS Celebration of Diversity Day

**SOURCE:** HQ

**WHEREAS**, human diversity can be defined as differences in race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, physical and/or mental capabilities, and religious beliefs; and

**WHEREAS**, vast diversity exists within the expansive domains of AMVETS practice; and

**WHEREAS**, all humans are possessed with unique, rich cultural histories, backgrounds and personal experiences deserving of universal respect, integrity, and acceptance; and

**WHEREAS**, it is believed that greater diversity enriches and adds value to AMVETS membership and the innovation and creativity of all veterans and human beings; and

**WHEREAS**, it's been proven that human beings are more alike than different; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrating an annual Diversity Day will increase future diversity in AMVETS membership; and

**WHEREAS**, Diversity Day will convey those veterans voices who felt voiceless and, bring understanding to those who have been misunderstood, honor to those who were dishonored, and history to those who were left out and forgotten; and

**WHEREAS**, Diversity Day will offer education to all veterans and civilians to include culture, art, artifacts, literature, and ceremony of which will increase the knowledge of this great diverse tapestry of veterans; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that AMVETS will Celebrate Diversity Day on May 21, which will be in synchronicity with the United Nations, who coined Diversity Day; now therefore be it further

**RESOLVED** that AMVETS will examine and update as necessary diversity and inclusion initiatives continuing to enable and encourage participation by national and state leaders of AMVETS and its membership.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Floor Action.....ADOPTED  ADOPTED (as amended)  REJECTED  TABLED