

RESOLUTION 11-12

SOURCE: AMVETS National Headquarters, AK, AZ, DC, DE, FL, IL, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, NE, NJ, NC, ND, OH, OR, PA, TX, WA, WI

SUBJECT: Support for Data Tracking Related to Women Veterans

WHEREAS, Women are the fastest growing demographic in our military, and subsequently they make up 15% of our veteran population, and

WHEREAS, the data needed to understand how best to support and meet the unique needs of these women as they transition from active military to veteran status is believed not to be actively collected by the DoD or VA beyond the basic gender difference data; and

WHEREAS, the commitment to support women veterans equal to their male counterparts has been expounded by many at the VA via the Center for Women Veterans, the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans, the Congress and veteran service organizations; and

WHEREAS, data collected by the VA could be a valuable resource for government and private sector agency's alike in their attempt to ensure a proactive response that meets women's needs is established before the increased need arises; and

WHEREAS, without assured funding, which follows data driven rationale and justification, the VA will likely not direct adequate funding toward the needs of female veterans to ensure quality health care and benefits for our Nation's female hero's is in place: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Congress enact legislation to ensure appropriate and useful data related to women in the military is collected at a detailed level, shared in a timely manner with the VA, used in determining the allocation of resources within the VA system and made available as appropriate to veteran service organizations and others supporting their needs.

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