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SALUTE ARMED FORCES EVERYDAY

History: First adopted in 2021

Issue: A recommended program to increase public awareness of Veterans military service to the United States of America requires devotion to duty and a willingness to sacrifice personal comfort and safety. Inherent in military service are stresses, including traumatic stress for some. Recognition of Veterans and active-duty personnel by fellow-Americans is both deserved and appreciated. Currently less than 1% of the United States population serve in the military. This recognition can be therapeutic as many struggles with suicidal thoughts and other effects of extreme stress from exposure to combat. No matter where a service member is stationed, they pledge to defend the Constitution including making the ultimate sacrifice.

Background: In keeping with the spirit of Vietnam Veterans of America's very First adopted resolution, "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another" The plan is to simply ask, at all public events where our flag is saluted or our National Anthem sung, for all active service and military veterans be asked to stand up and be recognized. The announcer will make a statement to the effect that "We honor those who make it possible for us to be here today!" Experience has shown that the process of inviting active service and military veterans to stand and be recognized takes approximately five seconds and involves no monetary expense. However, it means so much to those who have served our country. This recognition is referred to as the S.A.F.E. (Salute Armed Forces Everyday) program.

Resolved, That: Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. National Council at the National Convention, Greensboro NC 2-6 November 2021, affirms its commitment to all Veterans of Military service to the United States of America and Endorses the S.A.F.E. Program and its promulgation for implementation nationwide