Dear Members of Congress:

The undersigned organizations call on Congress to pass a resolution to declare the Sunday after Veterans Day “National Warrior Call Day.” This year, the date is November 13, 2022. A resolution will be introduced imminently in the U.S. Senate.

Such recognition would draw attention to those service members, veterans, and first responders who may be dangerously disconnected from family, friends, and support systems and who may be spiraling into suicidal thoughts. The suicide crisis confronting this population is well documented and National Warrior Call Day would help by reducing isolation – a key contributor to the disproportionate suicide rate among those who have worn or are wearing the uniform.

Your public support for this effort will save American lives, many of whom may be your constituents.

National Warrior Call Day implores all Americans – but especially active-duty Service members and veterans – to connect with someone who has worn or is currently wearing the uniform and let them know they care. This can be done through a simple phone call but can also be done through in-person meetings or video conferencing. Our motto is “make a call, take a call, and have an honest conversation,” because we know that human connection is often what is needed most to bring someone back from the abyss. We have all learned this through years of experience.

Complementary to programs at the Department of Veterans Affairs and some Veteran Service Organizations, National Warrior Call Day is a grassroots advocacy campaign that requires no federal dollars.

Far more emphasis must be placed on reaching those veterans, Service members, and first responders who do not raise their hands, who are suffering “invisible wounds” in silence, whose physical or psychological injuries have left them perilously disconnected from others and who do not avail themselves of services. National Warrior Call Day highlights that pressing need.

We respectfully ask for your support.

Sincerely,

Feherty's Troops First Foundation
Warrior Call
22 Jumps
America's Mightiest Warriors
America's Warrior Partnership
American Veterans (AMVETS)
American Veterans Center

Balanced Veterans Network
Blue Star Center for Innovative Solutions
Boulder Crest Foundation
Burn Pits 360
Coalition to Heal Invisible Wounds
Coalition of Veterans Organizations
Cohen Veterans Bioscience
Cohen Veterans Network
David Metcalf Foundation
The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance
Dixon Center for Military and Veterans Services
Fleet Reserve Association (FRA)
Green Beret Foundation
Goodwill Industries International Inc.
The Headstrong Project
Heroes to Heroes Foundation
Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America
Military Veteran Project
Military Women’s Coalition
Modern Military Association of America
National Association of Counties (NACo)
Navy SEAL Foundation
Never Alone Soldiers
NS2 Serves
Objective Zero Foundation

PsychArmor
PTSD Foundation of America
SEAL Legacy Foundation
Service Women's Action Network (SWAN)
Sound-Off Foundation
Step Up Foundation
The Warrior's Journey
Turn 22 to 0
VetPark’s A.T.V. (Alternative Therapies for Veterans)
Vets4Warriors
Veteran Legislative Voice
Veterans Bridge Home
Veterans Exploring Treatment Solutions (VETS)
Veteran Golfers Association
Vietnam Veterans of America
We the Veterans
WINC: For All Women Veterans
Wounded Warrior Project

CC: The White House, Department of Veterans Affairs