

September 7, 2022

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

CC: The White House, Department of Veterans Affairs

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