

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: 19-10-C

SUBMITTED BY: The American Legion, Department of Michigan

SUBJECT: Support Legislation that the Department of Veterans Affairs Include and Treat Family Members of Veterans with Illnesses and Injuries

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, The nature of combat wounds suffered by our troops has changed dramatically during the current period of conflict; and
- WHEREAS, ; Injuries such as Traumatic Brain Injury, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and poly-trauma often impact families as well as veterans and
- WHEREAS, Many family members are the primary care givers for these veterans; and
- WHEREAS, The modern all-volunteer force is more likely to be married with dependents than their historic predecessors; and
- WHEREAS, Title 38, United States Code currently allows only treatment for wounded veterans at VA Medical Center facilities; and
- WHEREAS, Under certain circumstances it would be advantageous to provide certain types of care to family members in the course of treating a veteran; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, By the American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Convention, assembled in Dearborn, Michigan, June 17-20, 2010, that The American Legion, Department of Michigan, urge Congress to amend Title 38, United States Code to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include family members in comprehensive therapy and treat family members of wounded veterans for those conditions determined to be related to the veteran's condition where such treatment is deemed in the best interest of care for the veteran.