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TOWN OF WEST SPRINGFIELD

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SOLDIERS' HOME IN HOLYOKE

WHEREAS, in 1952, the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke opened and has provided "Care With Honor and Dignity" to thousands of Massachusetts Veterans for over 68 years; And continues to do so to ensure the best level of care is provided to all Massachusetts Veterans.

WHEREAS, in 2013, a design to add 120 private rooms, as well as convert existing rooms thus creating 278 fully compliant beds, was approved by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) for 65% federal funding; West Springfield urges the state to move rapidly to approve the remaining 35% funding necessary to ensure the design and conversion is done safely and effectively.

WHEREAS, all Veterans deserve equal treatment in Massachusetts state-funded Veteran Homes; to include the same living conditions as well as proportionate funding to provide for a safe and efficient level of staffing in all departments; While maintaining the highest regards to the veterans we serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the West Springfield Town Council, Mayor and Director of Veterans Services jointly urge Governor Baker and the Legislature take immediate action to provide safe care; and to expedite the design of the new Soldiers' Home in Holyoke to allow for the construction of fully compliant rooms for 250 Veterans, including a toilet and shower in each bedroom, to meet the VA project submission date of April 15, 2021; in order to provide the best in care for "those who have borne the battle" and sacrificed their safety and well-being to preserve our nation's freedom.

(signatures on next page)

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Per order of the West Springfield Town Council, approved on the 22nd day of Sept., 2020 by a vote of 8 in favor and 0 opposed.

Brian J. Griffin
Brian J. Griffin, Council President

9-23-2020
Date

Approved as to Form

Kate R. O'Brien
Kate R. O'Brien, Town Attorney

9/24/2020
Date

Pursuant to Section 3-7 of the West Springfield Home Rule Charter, I hereby approve the Town Council's acceptance of the above and join with them in support of this resolution.

William C. Reichelt
William C. Reichelt, Mayor

9/24/20
Date

Anthony Ciollaro
Anthony Ciollaro, Director of Veterans Services

9/28/2020
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