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**BRIGHTON, NEW YORK TO PASS VETERANS' MANDATORY FUNDING RESOLUTION**

Brighton, New York in the county of Monroe is the first municipality in the country to adopt a resolution calling for full federal mandatory funding of the Department of Veterans Affairs healthcare system.

The mandatory funding resolution will be voted on tomorrow evening during the Brighton Town Board Meeting and is expected to pass unanimously. The meeting will be chaired by Brighton Town Supervisor, Sandra L. Frankel. The Town Board Meeting will be held at the Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Avenue in downtown Brighton beginning at 7pm. The public is invited.

Once the resolution is passed and signed, the Town Clerk of the Town of Brighton will be directed to transmit a certified copy of the resolution to the President of the United States George W. Bush, United States Senators, Hon. Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Hon. Charles Schumer, and Members of the House of Representatives, Hon. Louise Slaughter and Hon. John R. Kuhl.

Brighton Town Supervisor Sandra L. Frankel and fellow town council members are urging neighboring New York cities and townships to follow their lead and support full mandatory funding for veterans' healthcare. As of the census of 2000, there were 35,588 people, 15,854 households, and 8,687 families residing in the town of Brighton, New York.

The mandatory funding Resolution, (OFFE MF#1) is the creation of Operation Firing For Effect (OFFE), a grassroots veterans rights organization headquartered in Rochester, New York. OFFE National Chairman, Gene Simes will be in attendance and available for questions after the meeting is adjourned.

**Operation Firing For Effect** is a subsidiary of **Veterans For Veteran Connection Inc.**, a registered 501-3C non-profit organization devoted to improving and protecting the services and entitlements earned by our men and women in uniform.

Operation Firing For Effect (OFFE) is subsidiary of Veterans For Veteran Connection a registered 501-3C non-profit organization home based in Rochester, New York. OFFE is devoted to protecting and improving the healthcare service for our former military personnel and their families. Operation Firing For Effect has representatives and members in many states nationwide. For more information, contact Gene Simes (315)986-7322).

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# RESOLUTION

## Mandatory Funding for Veterans' Healthcare Services

(Including Dental and Mental Health)

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**Whereas**, the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) mission and motto is, "to care for him who has borne the battle, and for his widow and orphan"; and

**Whereas**, President George Washington stated, "The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportionate to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their country"; and

**Whereas**, whenever the United States military has ever been called upon to send forces into harms way, including sons and daughters of our great County of \_\_\_\_\_, in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, they have proudly answered the call; and

**Whereas**, we, as citizens of the United States of America, have promised our troops through military enlistment contracts comprehensive quality accessible healthcare for those veterans honorably discharged from The United States military past, present and future; and

**Whereas**, the legislative bodies of our government at all levels have recognized the importance of supporting those who serve our great country, legislation itself has fallen short of meeting the healthcare needs of our veterans. The current discretionary funding mechanisms for veterans healthcare is beset by numerous flaws preventing many

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veterans from receiving the quality healthcare they earned and deserve; and

**Whereas**, on March 16, 2006, the United States Senate voted down mandatory funding for veterans' healthcare services (Ref: Stabenow Amendment No. 3141), which would have insured mandatory funding for our veterans' healthcare needs (YEA 46 / NAY 54); and

**Whereas**, a Government Accountability Office (GAO) report in 2005 highlighted the lack of resources experienced by the Veterans Administration and its understaffed workforce as they attempt to process an increasing backlog of our veterans claims; and

**Whereas**, former Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony Principi has publicly stated the Department of Veterans Affairs has been struggling to provide promised healthcare services to the rapidly rising number of veterans requiring healthcare services;

**Therefore be it resolved**, as proud citizens of this great nation we fully support mandatory funding for veterans' healthcare services; and

**Therefore be it further resolved**, the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate move to ensure that these healthcare obligations to our veterans be recognized and legislation be introduced and passed for signing by the President of the United States of America to guarantee full mandatory funding of veterans' healthcare services; and

**Therefore be it further resolved**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the President of the United States, members of the United States Congress and members of the United States Senate.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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