

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22

Senators Klinefelt, Polehanki, McMorrow, Bayer, Shink, Outman, Wojno, Huizenga, Santana, Chang, Cavanagh and Geiss offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize the 10th anniversary of the Michigan
2 Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA).

3 Whereas, The MVAA serves as the state's central coordinating
4 agency for Michigan's 550,000-plus veterans and their families; and

5 Whereas, On January 18, 2013, the MVAA was created by an
6 executive order; and

7 Whereas, The MVAA embraces the belief that those who serve our
8 state and nation in the armed forces are members for life; and

9 Whereas, The agency provides support, care, advocacy, and
10 service to veterans of all eras and backgrounds; and

1 Whereas, Veterans and their families are assisted by the MVAA
2 by connecting them to federal and state resources and benefits they
3 earned for their service; and

4 Whereas, The commitment to these brave men and women begins
5 the day they take their oath, and provides comprehensive support
6 after their service, ensuring that their long-term care needs are
7 met with dignity, and their loved ones are supported in times of
8 need; and

9 Whereas, The MVAA's goal is to reach and serve all Michigan
10 veterans, a strategic approach that calls for connecting with
11 underserved veteran populations including female veterans, tribal
12 veterans, and incarcerated veterans; and

13 Whereas, They work to remove the barriers veterans face in
14 employment, education, health care, and quality of life, making
15 Michigan a great place for veterans and their families to call
16 home; and

17 Whereas, The MVAA works with the U.S. Department of Veterans
18 Affairs, various state departments and agencies, and hundreds of
19 community-based veteran programs to create a no wrong door access
20 to benefits and services; and

21 Whereas, The agency is responsible for the operation of the
22 Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center, a 24/7/365 call center
23 (1-800-MICH-VET) in partnership with Michigan 211; and

24 Whereas, The MVAA is responsible for the Michigan Veterans
25 Trust Fund, which provides short-term emergency relief to eligible
26 veterans. Additionally, the agency is accountable for the state's
27 grant to chartered veterans service organizations and the Michigan
28 Association of County Veterans Counselors; now, therefore, be it

29 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative

1 body recognize the 10th anniversary of the Michigan Veterans
2 Affairs Agency (MVAA); and be it further
3 Resolved, That we honor the agency's dedication to serving
4 Michigan veterans and their families as they work to improve the
5 quality of life.