**Resolution for Improved Health Services of Transgender Military Veterans**

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WHEREAS: gender dysphoria is not the result of a personal decision, but rather, is determined at birth;

AND WHEREAS: the decision to prohibit transgender people from serving in the military is medically unfounded, unjust, and morally reprehensible;

AND WHEREAS: an estimated 134,000 or more American veterans are transgender;

AND WHEREAS: over 15,000 transgender people are serving in the military today;

AND WHEREAS: transgender veterans face difficulties obtaining updated service records which respect their privacy, and which prevents them from receiving VA coverage of necessary medical procedures;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED :

THAT  the prohibition on transgender people serving in the military should be revoked with retroactive effet;

THAT the Department of Defense make, produce and publish guidance for transgender individuals on how to update information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) and on the DD214 Military Discharge Record;

AND THAT clinical treatment methods as outlined in the World Professional Association for Transgender Health Standards of Care including psychotherapy, changes in gender expression and role, hormone therapy, or surgery, or any combination thereof be made available to those who have served.