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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT (MOS)

**Governor of New York State -The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Senate Majority Leader – John J. Flanagan
Assembly Speaker – Carl E. Heastie**

A request for funding for the Research and Recognition Project to continue services to keep New York in the forefront of research, training and treatment for veterans suffering with post-traumatic-stress (PTS).

The devastating impact post-traumatic stress (PTS) has on the lives of the men and woman returning from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq as well as their families and community will be felt throughout New York State well into the middle of this century. Every year thousands of veterans return from military action with post-traumatic Stress. Presently the most common form of treatment is expensive medications and opioids most of which only serve to mask the problem.

The American Legion Department of New York's priority legislation has been and remains finding and implementing alternative treatments for PTS and traumatic brain injury (TBI).

The Research and Recognition Project has demonstrated that the Reconsolidation of Traumatic Memories (RTM) which is a drug-free process has an effective rate approaching 96% and permanently removes the impacts of the traumatic event(s).

By helping to fund the Research and Recognition Project continue research, train professionals and provide treatment for New York's veterans and break the cycle of potentially addictive drug treatments and provide an historic breakthrough in the treatment of PTS.

The Department of New York American Legion Family (some 200,000 strong) urges that New York State Assembly, New York State Senate and New York State division of Veterans Affairs takes any and all actions necessary to provide funding for the Research and Recognition Project and that the Governor of New York State approves the proposed funding so that New York State provides its veterans the alternative treatment they deserve. .

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