

RESOLUTION

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19-13

Subject

Support the Reconciliation of Traumatic Memories (RTM) Protocol Developed by the Research and Recognition Project as a Treatment for Veterans Suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

Origin: New York

Submitted By: Department of New York

WHEREAS, according to the National Center for PTSD, and estimated 30% of Vietnam Veterans have had PTSD in their lifetime, 12% of Gulf War Veterans have PTSD in a given year, and as high as 20% OIF and OEF Veterans are diagnosed with PTSD annually, and;

WHEREAS, the Research and Recognition Project Inc., has developed and published an historic breakthrough in the treatment of PTSD and is continuing research at Walter Reed and other prestigious PTSD Facilities, and;

WHEREAS, the treatment protocol, RTM, has been tested four times under strict scientific standards with over 90% of those Veterans diagnosed with PTSD losing their PTSD symptoms without the use of potentially dangerous drugs, and;

WHEREAS, other current treatments for PTSD including cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), exposure therapy, eye movement desensitization and reprocessing (EMDR), and pharmaceuticals (antidepressants and anti-anxiety medications), are costly and time-intensive, and,

WHEREAS, in clinical trials RTM removed the nightmare and flashback symptoms of PTSD in less than half the time of current therapies, often in fewer than three sessions totaling no more than 5 hours, and;

WHEREAS, lengthy treatment regimens and other difficulties, including negative emotions and perceptions of trauma focused treatments for PTSD (PE, PCT, CPT) make completion difficult, resulting in high dropout rates, and;

WHEREAS, the removal of severe PTSD by RTM enables all adjunctive programs including support groups, service dogs, sporting activities, comprehensive vocational and educational counseling, etc. to function more effectively and efficiently and;

WHEREAS, dissemination of the RTM Protocol for veterans will also benefit all persons suffering with PTSD and Traumatic Memories including First Responders, Corrections Officers, EMT's, and,

WHEREAS, every year, the federal government spends approximately \$3 billion to treat veterans and active duty military suffering from PTSD and considering that RTM remits PTSD Diagnosis and Systems over 90% of the time, potentially saving the federal government billions of dollars over the next twenty years while avoiding immeasurable suffering for hundreds of thousands of PTSD diagnosis veterans, and

WHEREAS, The RTM Protocol has been included in International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies "ISTSS's" 2019 book "Effective Treatments for PTSD", the gold standard of evidence-based PTSD, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the American Legion urge the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to offer the RTM Protocol as a treatment option for Veterans suffering for PTSD; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the American Legion urge Congress to provide oversight and funding to the Department of Defense (DOD), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Research and Recognition Project for innovative PTSD research and clinical training in the RTM Treatment Protocol aimed at the National need, therefore be it finally,

RESOLVED, that if approved by the Department of New York at its Convention in Buffalo, New York on July 18-20, 2019, this resolution be forwarded to the National Organization for consideration at the National Convention August 27-29, 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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