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Disabled American Veterans, Department of Minnesota Resolution Builder

This is a tool to assist you in building a resolution to be considered at the Chapter, and/or Department level. The resolution process can seem more difficult than it really is at times. When we hear them read out all of the “whereases” and “therefores” it can seem like people speaking a different language. This tool is an attempt to assist you in breaking down the resolution to its most basic parts; A problem, the problem explained, the solution. At the heart of it, that’s it. If you believe there are things that need to be changed in policy, law, healthcare, volunteerism, the constitution and bylaws at state or federal level, etc.. then this tool may assist you.

How to Use-

Go through this step-by-step and fill in each portion to the best of your ability. Once you have done this, save this PDF and send it to Admin@davmn.org the Legislative Director or member of the staff will reach out to assist in refining this into final resolution form for submission to your Chapter for consideration, and onto Department Convention, and National Convention if applicable.

You may submit resolutions for local, state, or federal issues. You can see a list of current resolutions at: https://www.dav.org/wp-content/uploads/LegislativeProgram_2022-2023.pdf

Name of Submitter (You):

Phone:

Email:

Chapter:

Title or Statement of Purpose

(Use this as a short statement of purpose. Example "To Provide Property Tax Relief to Disabled Veterans in Minnesota" Example: "To Ensure Proper Adjudication and Compensation on Claims Regarding Reproductive Health" Don't worry if your title isn't fancy. Just put what you want this to accomplish and we can revise later.)

Whereas Clauses or Justification of Purpose

(Don't get intimidated by this section. This is where you write about the issue/problem that you are trying to fix. In each section give an area of why this is a problem, what you are seeing that makes you want something changed and why it is important to change it. Imagine you are explaining this to someone in a conversation and make each of these a point you would make, the break off to the next "whereas" is where you would pause in your conversation and say something like "and another thing" or "another reason")

Whereas Clauses Continued...

(Just add your "and another thing" for the next part of your point)

Whereas Clauses Continued...

(There is no exact “right amount” of Whereas Clauses. Don’t belabor your point, or beat a dead horse, but make a strong argument. Stop before repeating yourself)

Whereas Clauses Continued...

(If you need more space for the Whereas Clauses there is blank space at the end of this document)

The Resolved Clause or Final Declaration and Course of Action to Achieve the Purpose

(I know it is a mouthful but don’t worry. Now that you have stated the problem in the “Whereas” the Therefore Section is your time to shine, you get to say exactly what needs to be done to fix the problem you have identified. Don’t be weak, you’ve built your argument so end with a strong call for how to fix it. Does the law need to change, the VA policy, the Constitution and Bylaws, etc.. Be as specific as you can, but remember we can re-work this after submission for more detail. Don’t quit now because you aren’t exactly sure, write what you think needs to change and work on the specifics with assistance if needed.)

Now save this document and send it to Admin@davmn.org Put "Draft Resolution" as the subject. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Department Headquarters at 651-291-1212

Below is fillable space for additional Whereas Clauses, or notes, thoughts you would like to share with this submission.

Additional Space