RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-01

RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE LEGISLATION ADDING VETERAN DESIGNATION TO ALASKA DRIVERS LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS

WHEREAS, the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council consists of members from veterans organizations, state agencies, and the general public who are familiar with veterans issues;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council to advise the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and through the Governor, other departments and agencies of the state on matters concerning veterans, their dependents, and their survivors;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council has noted the difficulties many Alaska veterans have in affirming their veteran status;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council recognizes the need for veterans to have multiple avenues in distinguishing this status;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council concludes adding a veteran designation on Alaska Drivers Licenses and Identification Cards will be beneficial to the veteran in their communities and statewide and aid in providing better service to our veterans;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council supports legislation to add veteran designation to Alaska Drivers Licenses and Identification Cards.

CERTIFICATION

The Alaska Veterans Advisory Council unanimously adopted this resolution at its meeting held 31 January 2012.

Signed this 21st day of February 2012.

Joseph N. Fields III, Chair

Alaska Veterans Advisory Council

RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-02

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE NEED FOR SPECIALIZED HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNGER VETERANS

WHEREAS, the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council consists of members from veterans organizations, state agencies, and the general public who are familiar with veterans issues;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council to advise the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and through the Governor, other departments and agencies of the state on matters concerning veterans, their dependents, and their survivors;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council has noted a possible lack of specialized housing opportunities in the state for younger veterans;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council notes that Alaska's official Veteran Home is designated for an older population;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council notes there is only one state-approved home for the older veteran population;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council acknowledges the population of younger veterans needing specialized housing opportunities may be increasing with those returning home from current conflicts with serious physical and emotional injuries;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council supports the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs in conducting a study to quantify the need for specialized housing for younger veterans.

CERTIFICATION

The Alaska Veterans Advisory Council unanimously adopted this resolution at its meeting held 31 January 2012.

Signed this 21st day of February 2012.

Joseph N Fields III, Chai

Alaska Veterans Advisory Council

RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-03

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VETERANS FIRST PRIORITY FOR JOBS, HOUSING AND EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council consists of members from veterans organizations, state agencies, and the general public who are familiar with veterans issues;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council to advise the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and through the Governor, other departments and agencies of the state on matters concerning veterans, their dependents, and their survivors;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council acknowledges the service and sacrifice made by veterans and their families for our great nation;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council believes this service warrants veteran priority in the job market, housing and education, and believes those that raise their hand to serve our country should be first in line for such opportunities;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council recognizes the significant positive statewide economic impact incurred through Veteran Retirements, Medical Entitlements, Employment, Housing and Education.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council recognizes there are challenges for veterans securing employment, housing and educational opportunities;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council believes employers, landlords and educators need to be engaged on this issue and participate in creating solutions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council supports efforts to give veterans first priority in employment, housing and educational opportunities.

CERTIFICATION

The Alaska Veterans Advisory Council unanimously adopted this resolution at its meeting held 1 February 2012.

Signed this 21st day of February 2012.

Joseph N. Fields III, Chair

Alaska Veterans Advisory Council