**PROVIDE DENTAL SERVICES TO ALL FAMILY MEMBERS**

**OF VETERANS UNDER CHAMPVA**

WHEREAS: the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), known as CHAMPVA, is a health benefits program in which VA shares the cost of certain health services with eligible beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS: eligible beneficiaries include spouses or child of a veteran who VA has rated 100 percent permanently and totally disabled for service connected disability; the surviving spouse or child of a veteran who died from a VA-rated service-connected disability, or who at the time of death, was rated 100 percent permanently and totally disabled, or the surviving spouse or child of a military service member who died on active duty; and

WHEREAS: VA medical centers are authorized to provide services to CHAMPVA beneficiaries under CHAMPVA In House Treatment Initiative (CITI) program at no cost to the beneficiary; and

WHEREAS: services provided under this program, however, are provided at the direction of the VA Medical Center director and available only on a space-available basis, after the needs of veterans are met; and

WHEREAS: Dental care can cause financial and mental stress on disabled veterans and their families due to high cost and the veterans low disability compensation; and

WHEREAS: such financial burden can cause undo financial and emotional hardship on a severely disabled veteran and family members the veterans spouse and child should be covered under the CHAMPVA program; NOW

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Disabled American Veterans in Convention assembled in Denver, Colorado, August 20-25, 2009, supports legislation to provide dental services to all family members under the CHAMPVA program.

ADOPTED by DAV Chapter # at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ regular general meeting.

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