RESOLUTION NO. 8506

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmember Denise Everhart, expressing encouragement to our Congressional Delegation to support efforts in Congress to address the backlog of veterans’ claims.

WHEREAS, since 1946 the Colmery-O’Neil VA Medical Center located at 2200 Gage Blvd. has been serving veterans. As part of the VA Eastern Kansas Health Care System, approximately 36,000 veterans are provided care by dedicated staff.

WHEREAS, to date, 32,221 veterans who served in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan have returned seriously wounded.

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 veterans return from combat suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, PTSD.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs struggles to process claims with ever increasing numbers of veterans returning from war.

WHEREAS, 22 veterans commit suicide every day.

WHEREAS, The City of Topeka appreciates the dedicated service provided by the Colmery-O’Neil VA Medical Center to our nation’s veterans who have served us faithfully and selflessly and, accordingly, deserve our help and support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS, that the Council encourages our Congressional Delegation, Senators Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran, Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins, and Congressmen Tim Huelskamp, Kevin Yoder, and Mike Pompeo to support efforts in Congress to address the VA application and claims process backlogs.
ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council on March 26, 2013.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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William W. Bunten, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk