

**2012 VETERANS LOTTERY CAMPAIGN
STATEMENT OF RESOLUTION**

In support of the

New Lottery for State Veterans Assistance Services

Whereas... Colorado and the United States benefit significantly from the presence and military service of more than 60,000 men and women in our state who serve in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard; the branch Reserves; the Colorado National Guard; and the Civil Air Patrol; and

Whereas... In addition to active members of the Armed Services, Colorado is the proud home of more than 426,000 military veterans who have unselfishly served their country and whom bring great honor and distinction to the state; and

Whereas... Military families face unique challenges, especially when their loved ones in uniform are deployed; and

Whereas... Veterans are being incarcerated at an alarming rate. The Veterans Trauma Courts provide treatment-intensive programs as an alternative to prison for veterans and active-duty military personnel who commit crimes as a result of combat related trauma; and

Whereas... Due to the inescapable burdens of war, eight veterans a day in our nation commit suicide; and

Whereas... Veterans face challenges as hidden wounds of war, active duty service members commit suicide every 36 hours (Veterans Administration); and

Whereas... 25% of the homeless in Colorado are thought to be veterans (Department of Defense); and

Whereas... Veterans have a 3X higher unemployment rate than their civilian counterparts (Department of Labor); and

Whereas... Colorado joined 11 states that previously forecast deficits in fiscal 2013 totaling \$15.9 billion, according to a September report by the Denver – based National Conference of State Legislature; and

Whereas... Colorado's budget deficits are severe and there are no foreseeable sustainable revenues to support essential veterans services. It is vitally important, now more than ever to establish a Veterans Lottery for the purposes of raising money for services for our country's men and women of uniform; and

Whereas... The Veterans Assistance Fund established by this measure will assist organizations in Colorado the opportunity to provide necessary funding for veterans suffering from post traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injuries, physical and mental rehabilitation trauma courts, homelessness, suicide prevention, employment and many other challenges facing these deserving wounded warriors; and

Now, Therefore _____,
(Name of Organization)

Fully supports the creation of a Veterans Lottery and Veterans Assistance Fund to assist in the funding of essential services for our active duty and veteran service men, women and their immediate family members.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Email Address _____ **Phone** _____

Mailing Address _____

Permission to use organization logo ____ **Yes** ____ **No** # of Members _____

Permission to include organization's name on campaign website ____ **Yes** ____ **No**

Endorsement Statement from organization _____

Explain stated use for lottery funds _____

Designate a contact person; Name _____

Contact person telephone _____

Contact person email _____