

# THE AMERICAN LEGION

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

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Resolution No. 14-008 Subject Patriot Outreach Pilot Program

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## RESOLUTION

Whereas, Patriot Outreach, founded and led by Col. Antonio Monaco (USA, ret.) as chief executive officer, has for some six years carried out a mission through unique "Coping Strategies" to aid the some 97% of veterans whom the Veterans Administration states need help to overcome stress up to and including post traumatic stress injury but won't seek it for various reasons, including "the warrior ethic" and fears that records of treatment may result in adverse consequences in employment opportunities or other areas; and,

Whereas, one of those "Coping Strategies" is a Patriot Outreach CD which can be used confidentially and privately, concerning which Patriot Outreach has distributed almost 100,000 free of charge to veterans, with another 61,000 having been downloaded from the Patriot Outreach website, and concerning which the Army Chaplains Corps is using them to aid troops, the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne ordered 5,000 copies; Ft. Hood ordered 3,000 after the jihadist terrorist murders there by now convicted Major Hassan; myriad testimonials have been received proclaiming peace of mind and lives saved; and,

Whereas, Patriot Outreach offered to provide The American Legion Department of California with free copies of the Coping Strategies CD's to use in its discretion, and the Department accepted that offer by a resolution adopted by its Convention in 2012, establishing as a result thereof, after consultation with the National Organization, an American Legion Department of California Patriot Outreach Pilot Project; and,

Whereas, Patriot Outreach, which has been approved as a national and international charity by the Combined Federal Campaign after the CFC's audit showed that 94.7% of funds donated to Patriot Outreach go to program aiding veterans with only 5.3% for administration, has enabled the Department to better serve its members and other veterans in fulfilling the Four Pillars of American Legion service by working in conjunction with Patriot Outreach in making available the Coping Strategies CD and participating in other coping strategies; and,

Whereas, Col. Monaco has pledged that, in order to aid the Department in its assistance to veterans in dealing with veterans affairs and rehabilitation, Patriot Outreach will designate for the Department of California VA&R Foundation, all donations from California received by Patriot Outreach in the Combined Federal Campaign; and,

Whereas, through the Patriot Outreach Pilot Project, the Department has been involved in three successful "Horse Sense & Veterans" equine therapy workshops in conjunction with the legendary Monty Roberts, famous worldwide as the "Horse Whisperer," and his "Join-Up, International" organization, for which workshops, the National American Legion authorized use of The American Legion Emblem in advertising; and,

Whereas, for further example, the Department Patriot Outreach Pilot Project gained great visibility for The American Legion by acting, in conjunction with Patriot Outreach, to participate in the 2013 and 2014 "Rev'ed Up 4 Kids" giant car show charity fundraiser staged at the legendary Edelbrock manufacturing facility in Torrance California, and,

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Anthony Guerrero  
Chairman

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Whereas, in an address at the Department of California Convention in June, 2013, Col. Monaco announced that Patriot Outreach had secured private funding for a unique program to build Assisted Living Facilities within five miles of every major VA facility in the country, nine of which will be in California, to fulfill what the VA has stated is a critical need to fill the gap between those veterans in need of VA outpatient care and those providing that care; and,

Whereas, Col. Monaco has stated that the creation of these Assisted Living Facilities "is a noble endeavor to create assisted living facilities which will be places for veterans to go to live, not to die," with full services for those veterans, and their families, including their children and grandchildren, services which The American Legion has long experience in providing through VA&R, children and family services, Operation Comfort Warriors, mentoring and other programs, all of which are complementary to, and not in competition with, the programs of Patriot Outreach; and,

Whereas, in addition to the services to be provided to veterans, Patriot Outreach will be investing millions in establishing, equipping, and staffing these Assisted Living Facilities, which means an economic benefit to the communities in which they are situated, with all jobs and contracts going to qualified veterans whenever possible, as Patriot Outreach follows a strict policy of real not just rhetorical veterans preference; and,

Whereas, Col. Monaco publicly announced, as reported by media, that the first of the Assisted Living Facilities to be built by Patriot Outreach in California will be near the VA Hospital in Loma Linda, that site selection has already been completed, and that it is anticipated ground breaking will take place in 2014, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, by District 11, that The National American Legion, should adopt the American Legion Department of California Patriot Outreach Pilot Project as a National American Legion Project, and establish a working relationship in conjunction with Patriot Outreach, without any cost to The American Legion, and with The American Legion retaining sole discretion as to the degree and nature of its involvement in any an all areas, in order to better serve our members and all veterans by participating in the noble endeavor of Patriot Outreach to establish assisted living facilities for veterans as places "where veterans go to live, not to die."

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Adjutant of District 11 is directed to convey this resolution to the Department Adjutant to be presented for adoption by the Department of California Convention, June 20-22, 2014, in Santa Clara, California.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that upon adoption by the Department of California Convention, June 20-22, 2014, in Santa Clara, California, the Adjutant of the Department is directed to convey this resolution to the National Adjutant for adoption at the 96<sup>th</sup> National Convention, August ~~22-28~~, 2014, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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