

Resolution No 14 Support the Establishment of a VA National Cemetery in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan

Whereas: There is currently not an open VA National Cemetery in the upper peninsula of the State of Michigan, and

Whereas: Federal regulations and guidelines of the US Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration provide the criteria for the establishment of a VA National Cemetery in any state based in part on veteran population density and distance to access to the nearest VA National Cemetery, and

Whereas: The veteran residents of northern lower Michigan and the upper peninsula of Michigan have long requested the establishment of a VA National Cemetery, and

Whereas: There is in the upper peninsula of Michigan, several parcels of state and federal land adequate in size for the creation of a VA National Cemetery, therefore

Be it Resolved: That the Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars supports the establishment of a VA National Cemetery with a preference in central upper peninsula of Michigan, and

Be it Further Resolved: That the Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars encourages the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency to assume the lead in the negotiations with the VA NCA.

Submitted by State Commander Ray Lopez

Endorsed by the Michigan Veterans Commanders Group