

A RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY, REQUESTING THAT NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZES THE LAST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER AS VETERAN SUICIDE AWARENESS WEEK.

WHEREAS: The Veterans Administration recognizes the month of September as veterans suicide awareness month. Veteran suicide is an issue that members outside of the community are entirely unaware exists and we need to strive to bring more attention to the issue. On average, 22 veterans or active duty service members commit suicide each day and the trend is only getting worse, and

WHEREAS: Since the War on terror began in 2001, there have been 6,892 fatalities in combat related efforts to deter terrorism in the Middle East. According to the Veterans Administration, there were 7,403 veteran suicides in 2014 alone. In one year, the number of veteran deaths surpassed the entire casualty rate from a 15 year conflict, and

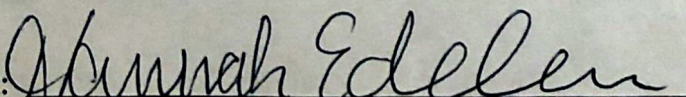
WHEREAS: Ralph Carmichael, Coordinator of the Veteran's Resource Station (VRS) at NKU and retired 1st Sergeant in the United States Army said, "I believe what you are attempting to do here is very relevant, though many Americans will say they are patriotic and proud of those that serve or have served there are still too many veterans falling through the cracks and not receiving the help they need. We all need to strive to "Be there" as the VA slogan goes. Our genuine concern and a polite inquiry could be all that is needed.", and

WHEREAS: Last year, NKU served 483 veterans or family members through the Veteran's Resource Station. The student veteran population makes up roughly 3.4% of the student body at NKU. The student veteran community is often overlooked because it is so small and this resolution will begin to give student veterans the support they need, and

WHEREAS: NKU participates in the Warrior Run every year to raise money for mental health issues. With collaboration from NKU's VRS, SGA, and Health, Wellness, and Student Counseling offices, NKU should strive for maximum participation in this event to raise money to combat mental health illness.

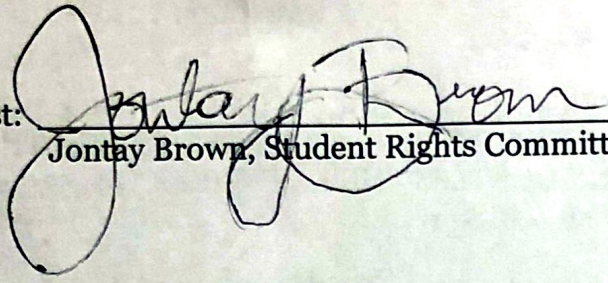
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, ON THIS SEVENTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2018 THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY REQUESTS THAT NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZES THE LAST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER AS VETERAN SUICIDE AWARENESS WEEK.

Signed:



Hannah Maria Edelen, President

Attest:



Jontay Brown, Student Rights Committee



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