

RESOLUTION 2013-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO, SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE PURPLE STAR VETERANS AND FAMILIES ORGANIZATION TO SUPPORT VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL.

WHEREAS, the sacrifices of our military volunteers, as well as those of their families and communities, continues to be willingly given to protect the freedoms we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, this sacrifice results in loss of life and permanent physical injuries for many who serve and significant emotional, mental and spiritual stress for many more; and

WHEREAS, the United States is now losing more active duty military and veterans to suicide than are killed in action; and

WHEREAS, military and veterans are five times more likely to die in a speed related vehicular accidents than civilians; and

WHEREAS, veterans have an 88 percent failure rate during their first year in college; and

WHEREAS, with one active duty military service member dying from suicide every day and one veteran dying from suicide every 80 minutes; and

WHEREAS, Purple Star Veterans and Families is petitioning the Office of the President of the United States for the immediate and long-term development of a viable homecoming preparedness program that can be used to help reduce fatalities among both veterans and active duty military personnel; and

WHEREAS, by raising 1 million petition signatures nationally from citizens, veterans, family members and friends, Purple Star Veterans and Families will create a voice for homecoming veterans that does not currently exist; and

WHEREAS, Purple Star Veterans and Families goal is clear: to reduce the incidence of suicide, accident fatalities, divorce, child abuse and neglect, alcoholism, drug addiction, incarceration and homelessness among our returning military personnel, veterans and their families; and

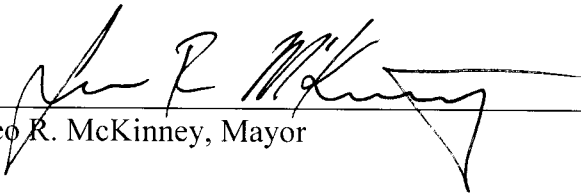
WHEREAS, the Purple Star Veterans and Families petition mandates that the Department of Defense implement a comprehensive homecoming preparedness training program for all active duty personnel before leaving the military, create a standardized and readily available homecoming preparedness guide, and provide resources for families before welcoming their veteran home.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO, THAT:

The City Council officially supports the efforts of Purple Star Veterans and Families to support Veterans and Active Duty Personnel and encourages the broader community to sign the petition and support this important effort.

INTRODUCED, READ AND PASSED THIS 16th DAY OF May, 2013.

CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO



Leo R. McKinney, Mayor

ATTEST:



Robin S. Unsworth, City Clerk