



NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN VETERANS, INC.

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National Commander  
Don Loudner

Executive Director  
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**Resolution by the National American Indian Veterans, Inc. in  
Support of the Black Hills VA Medical Center.**

- WHEREAS,** the National American Indian Veterans Association, Region I, a non-profit veterans organization to address the needs of American Indians, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Veterans who served and are serving in all branches of the U.S. Armed forces; and
- WHEREAS,** the NAIV is devoted to representing and supporting American Indian Veterans and advocating for the improvement of their quality of life and that of their families; and
- WHEREAS,** The Department of Veterans Affairs recognizes the NAIV as a National Organization that represent the unique needs, concerns, and issues of American Indians to Congress and the Veterans Affairs Department; and
- WHEREAS,** the NAIV on behalf of all of Region I which includes the states of South Dakota, North Dakota, and Nebraska opposes the closure of the Black Hills VA Medical Center located in Hot Springs, South Dakota; and therefore, requests the South Dakota Congressional Delegation Senator Tim Johnson, Senator John Thune, Representative Kristi Noem, North Dakota Senator John Hoven, Senator Kent Conrad, Representative Rick Berg, Nebraska Congressional Delegation Senator Ben Nelson, Senator Mike Johanns, Representative Adrian Smith and the National Congress of American Indians to assist the NAIV in this endeavor.
- WHEREAS,** the National American Indian Veterans Association, Region I, a non-profit veterans organization to address the needs of American Indians, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Veterans who served and are serving in all branches of the U.S. Armed forces; and
- RESOLVED,** by the National American Indian Veterans Association, Region I of NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN VETERANS INC., in regular meeting assembled of January 10, 2012, at Santee Sioux Indian Reservation, Flandreau, South Dakota.

**Certification**

At a general called meeting of the National American Indian Veterans Association, Region I in which a quorum was present and held on January 10, 2012 the Resolution No. 2012-01 received a vote of **45 Support; 0 Opposed; 0 Absent; and 0 Abstained.**

**ATTEST:**

Peter Lengkeek  
Acting Region I Commander

Donald E. Loudner  
National Commander NAIV