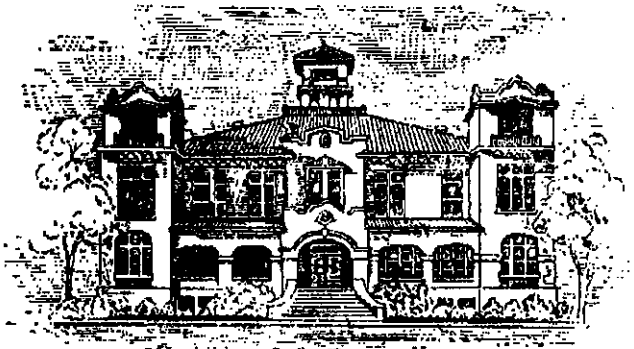


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HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY (HBOT) AND OTHER MEDICAL TREATMENTS AND THERAPY FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI) AND POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD)

WHEREAS, the 'signature wounds' of Iraq and Afghanistan are Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and are significant health issues for Texas Veterans (and other Veterans throughout this country) returning from service in Iraq and Afghanistan: Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), and Operation New Dawn (OND), and

WHEREAS, the effects of these conditions are usually long lasting and often life threatening (frequently suicide), and currently there are no definitive medical treatments for TBI and the treatments being provided today are only palliative drugs and/or counseling, and

WHEREAS, several well documented, more curative therapies are available, including Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT), that offer additional, alternative, curative ways to restore affected Veterans lives and minds, and


WHEREAS, numerous studies have demonstrated that the untreated, lingering effects of these injuries adversely impact the returned Veterans' lives, resulting frequently in destroyed families, drug and alcohol use, unemployment, mental illness, incarceration, and homelessness, and

WHEREAS, these results show up in society and communities as increased unemployment rates, public health care treatment costs, mental illness costs, alcohol and drug treatment costs, family breakups, and disrupted lives, and

WHEREAS, neither the VA, Military Medicine, nor Medicare will reimburse Medical Practitioners for their efforts to help these Veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Atascosa County Commissioners' Court strongly urges the United States Federal Government and the Texas State Government to provide appropriate funding and focus to provide results orientated evidence based, proven treatment, including Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT), for returning Texas Veterans (and other Veterans throughout this country) that suffer the residual, after-effects of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14TH DAY OF APRIL, 2014.


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