

Resolution Advocating Research into Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy and Other Medical Treatments and Therapy for TBI and PTSD

Whereas, the “signature wounds” of Iraq and Afghanistan, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), are significant health issues for Texas Veterans returning from service in Iraq and Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), or Operation New Dawn (OND), and

Whereas, the effects of these conditions are usually long lasting and often life threatening or frequently suicidal, and currently there are no definitive medical treatments for TBI as the treatments being provided today are only palliative drugs and/or counseling, 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 abuse, unemployment, mental illness, incarceration, and homelessness, and

Whereas, the results of these injuries 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, several therapies are available, including Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT), that offer additional, albeit alternative, curative methods to restore affected veterans lives and minds, and

Whereas, medical practitioners are not fully reimbursed or compensated through insurance, Medicare, or the Veterans Administration for their prescriptions of these alternative methods of treatment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Denton County Commissioners Court urges the State of Texas to encourage research and to provide results-oriented, evidence-based, proven treatments such as HBOT and other medical treatments and therapy to alleviate or minimize the residual after-effects of TBI and PTSD.


DONE IN OPEN COURT, this 26 day of August, 2014, upon motion made by Comm. Marchant and seconded by Comm. Mitchell, and 5 members of the court being present and voting.


MARY HORN, COUNTY JUDGE


HUGH COLEMAN, COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 1


BOBBIE J. MITCHELL, COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 3


RON MARCHANT, COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 2


ANDY EADS, COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 4

ATTEST:
CYNTHIA MITCHELL, County Clerk and Ex-Officio
Clerk of the Commissioners Court of Denton County

BY: 