

THE STATE OF TEXAS       §  
COUNTY OF FRIO           §

14-014

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING  
HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY FOR VETERANS WITH BRAIN INJURY**

**WHEREAS**, Traumatic Brain Injury is a significant health issue for a large number of Veterans returning from service in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS**, we now have over 125,000 Texas Veterans who suffered head injuries in combat. The impact on the private lives of Veterans shows up in unemployment rates, public healthcare costs, mental illness, alcohol and drug treatment, homelessness, incarceration, and family breakups and other social issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary Traumatic Brain Injury treatment provided today by the VA is medications which only mask the symptoms but do not cure the problem. The goal is healing not drugs; and

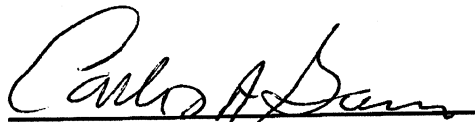
**WHEREAS**, Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy is a treatment that consistently heals brain injury and restores the lives of the injured. Its success rate far exceeds other treatments. HBOT has shown not significant adverse side effects. All participants had significant, measurable brain function improvement; and

**WHEREAS**, a November 2011 International Hyperbaric Medical Foundation report titled Untreated Brain Injury: Scope, Costs, and a Promising New Treatment concludes: "Simply put, for less than 1.7% of the status quo costs, we can treat and help in the healing of hundreds of thousands of the wounded and injured with a safe therapy that thus far has enabled approximately 80% of those treated to return to work, school or duty. Left out of this calculation, of course, is the intangible benefit to the wounded and to their families of getting their lives back."; and

**WHEREAS**, thus far Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy is underwritten only with private funds or pro bono work by a few dedicated doctors. Neither the VA, Military Medicine, nor Medicare is reimbursing medical practitioners for their efforts to help these Veterans;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Frio County Commissioners Court strongly encourages our elected State and National officials to make this healing therapy readily available and to support funding on every level so that our Texas Veterans can benefit from this effective treatment.

Signed this 14th day of July, 2014.

  
**HON. CARLOS GARCIA**  
Frio County Judge

Jesus I. Salinas  
**HON. JESUS "CHUY" SALINAS**  
Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

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**HON. RICHARD GRAF**  
Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

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Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

**ATTEST:**

Angie Tullis  
**HON. ANGIE TULLIS**  
Frio County Clerk  
*Ex officio* Clerk of the  
Frio County Commissioners Court

By: [Signature]  
(Chief) Deputy Clerk

