

**RESOLUTION ADVOCATING
HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY AND
OTHER MEDICAL TREATMENTS AND
THERAPY FOR TBI AND 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 returning from service in Iraq and Afghanistan: Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), and Operation New Dawn (OND);

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;

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;

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;

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 Veterans Administration (VA), Military Medicine, nor Medicare will reimburse medical practitioners for their efforts to help these veterans;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Morris County strongly urges the Texas State Government to provide appropriate funding and focus to provide results orientated and evidence based proven treatment, including Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, for returning Texas Veterans that suffer residual after-effects of TBI and PTSD.

Passed and approved this 14th day of July 2014.


Lynda Munkres, Morris County Judge


Dennis Allen, Commissioner #1


Michael Clair, Commissioner #3


Weldon Lilley, Commissioner #2


Gary Camp, Commissioner #4



Attest:

Vicki Falls, County Clerk