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Action Item Number VIII.A.3.



## **The Alabama Community College System's Recognition of Alabama Veterans**

WHEREAS, the men and women who have served in the branches of the armed forces and represented America's finest tradition of the "citizen-soldier" should be applauded for their selflessness and heroism; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's veterans have patriotically served their country with bravery, valor, and distinction when called upon in times of national crisis; and

WHEREAS, according to the Veterans Association there are approximately 418,000 veterans in Alabama; Ninety-one percent of Alabama veterans are men, and nine percent are women; and

WHEREAS, those 418,000 veterans represent about 11 percent of the civilian population aged 18 and over; and

WHEREAS, the state community and technical colleges have a proud tradition of recognizing exemplary service and providing a world-class education to the people in its communities; and

WHEREAS, The Alabama Community College System's network of institutions provide a unified service delivery system in all geographical regions of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor of Postsecondary Education recommends that each college individually, and The Alabama Community College System collectively, provide support and encouragement to veterans by making our existing services and programs available and by developing and extending support, counseling and referral services; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Community College System appreciates the sacrifices veterans and their families make each day of their service, as well as all of their comrades in arms and their families:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby recognizes the tremendous personal sacrifices made by Alabama's veterans who proudly

served their country and takes this opportunity to express its solemn support and affirm its gratitude; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That it is the Board's intent that Recognition of Alabama's Veterans will complement those efforts that are already being sponsored by the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans and other veterans organizations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That it is our prayer that this resolution will offer comfort to those veterans who so honorably served our country on foreign and domestic soil.