

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-28-CM**

WHEREAS, Tippecanoe County is the location of the Indiana Veteran's Home and the residence of over 10,000 veterans, and veteran's issues are, therefore, very important to the Board of Commissioners of Tippecanoe County;

WHEREAS, Traumatic Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder are important issues which create significant health challenges for Indiana veterans, including those who served in Afghanistan and Iraq;

WHEREAS, the effects of Traumatic Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder can be debilitating, long lasting, and potentially fatal;

WHEREAS, current treatments for these health issues are often inadequate in a variety of ways;

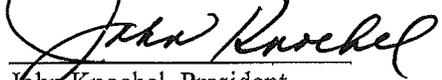
WHEREAS, Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy is an alternate treatment that has the potential to restore the functionality of these veterans and alleviate their suffering;

WHEREAS, the Veteran's Administration, Medicare, and the Military Health System currently recognize the use of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for other indications but not for traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder;

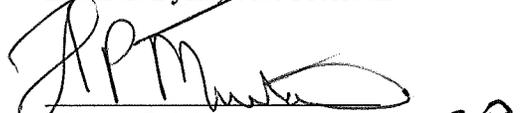
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Tippecanoe County hereby urges the General Assembly to consider appropriate funding and investigation for the provision of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy to those veterans and other citizens where medically indicated as an effective treatment.

Duly adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 2014.

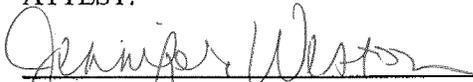
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