SENATE RESOLUTION NO.22

Senators Klinefelt, Polehanki, McMorrow, Bayer, Shink, Outman, Wojno, Huizenga, Santana, Chang, Cavanagh and Geiss offered the following resolution:

- A resolution to recognize the 10th anniversary of the MichiganVeterans Affairs Agency (MVAA).
- 3 Whereas, The MVAA serves as the state's central coordinating
- 4 agency for Michigan's 550,000-plus veterans and their families; and
- 5 Whereas, On January 18, 2013, the MVAA was created by an
- 6 executive order; and
- 7 Whereas, The MVAA embraces the belief that those who serve our
- 8 state and nation in the armed forces are members for life; and
- 9 Whereas, The agency provides support, care, advocacy, and
- 10 service to veterans of all eras and backgrounds; and

Whereas, Veterans and their families are assisted by the MVAA
 by connecting them to federal and state resources and benefits they
 earned for their service; and

Whereas, The commitment to these brave men and women begins
the day they take their oath, and provides comprehensive support
after their service, ensuring that their long-term care needs are
met with dignity, and their loved ones are supported in times of
need; and

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Whereas, The MVAA's goal is to reach and serve all Michigan veterans, a strategic approach that calls for connecting with underserved veteran populations including female veterans, tribal veterans, and incarcerated veterans; and

13 Whereas, They work to remove the barriers veterans face in 14 employment, education, health care, and quality of life, making 15 Michigan a great place for veterans and their families to call 16 home; and

Whereas, The MVAA works with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, various state departments and agencies, and hundreds of community-based veteran programs to create a no wrong door access to benefits and services; and

Whereas, The agency is responsible for the operation of the Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center, a 24/7/365 call center (1-800-MICH-VET) in partnership with Michigan 211; and

Whereas, The MVAA is responsible for the Michigan Veterans
Trust Fund, which provides short-term emergency relief to eligible
veterans. Additionally, the agency is accountable for the state's
grant to chartered veterans service organizations and the Michigan
Association of County Veterans Counselors; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative

- 1 body recognize the 10th anniversary of the Michigan Veterans
- 2 Affairs Agency (MVAA); and be it further
- Resolved, That we honor the agency's dedication to serving
- 4 Michigan veterans and their families as they work to improve the
- 5 quality of life.