



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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To: Wisconsin Federal Legislators

RE: Declaring November as 'Veterans Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Month'

Dear Wisconsin Senators and Representatives,

We are writing to advocate for the official recognition of November as 'Veterans Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Month' across the nation. The courageous individuals who have served our country often face immense challenges when transitioning from military to civilian life, including high levels of stress and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Regrettably, approximately half of these returning veterans do not receive timely access to the crucial resources, benefits, and services they desperately need. Moreover, veterans are twice as likely to experience chronic homelessness and face significant barriers to employment compared to nonveterans.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among veterans between the ages of 18 and 44. Private non-profit entities have contributed greatly to spreading awareness about the increased rates of mental health issues and suicide that affect our veterans. By declaring November 'Veterans Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Month' at the federal level we can bring greater awareness to the struggles our brave veterans face upon return to civilian life.

The 22 Pushup Challenge and other non-profit organizations have played a vital role in engaging veterans in supporting their comrades coping with mental health challenges. They partner with organizations dedicated to empowering veterans and delivering critical mental health services to veterans and their families. We ask that the United States Federal Government do its part to help raise awareness of the mental health challenges faced daily by the brave men and women who have fought to defend our freedoms. By proclaiming November as 'Veterans Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Month', we can honor and support our veterans.

Sincerely,



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Representative Paul Tittel
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Representative Chuck Wichgers
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