



### **JECVO of KY**

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Veterans**

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KY**

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County Veterans**

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America**

**Task Force Omega**

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Association**

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of Kentucky**

**Veterans of Foreign Wars**

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of America**

## **Joint Executive Council of Veterans Organizations of Kentucky**

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May 27, 2021

The Honorable Andy Beshear  
Governor of Kentucky  
700 Capital Avenue, Suite 100  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Governor Beshear:

I am pleased to forward a resolution passed unanimously by the Joint Executive Council of Veterans Organizations of Kentucky (JECVO) at their May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. It relates to a matter very important to Kentucky's 295,000 veterans, specifically those who are suffering from Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) due to injuries sustained while serving our nation and state in military uniform.

In 2018, the General Assembly pass the Colonel Ron Ray Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment Act which allows veterans to be treated with Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) for both Traumatic Brain Injury and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Kentucky joined six other states at the time to authorize this. There is now a national movement to have this treatment authorized at VA Medical Centers and/or contracted with qualified private providers to ensure that this treatment is affordable and accessible to veterans. The intent of the attached resolution is to encourage the General Assembly to go on record requesting support from our US Congressional Delegation since the final action to implement this program will come from the US Congress. We ask for your support in any way possible to ensure that this matter results in a positive outcome.

Representatives of JECVO and Mr. Eric Koleda, National Director-TreatNOW State Legislative Efforts and Director and Founder of HBOT4KYVETS will be presenting detailed information to the members of the Senate and House VMAPP Committees during the Interim. We stand ready to provide you with documents supporting this initiative if desired.

Thank you for your strong support of Kentucky veterans and their families. Should you have any questions related to this matter, please contact me at (cell) 502-382-7059 or via email at [kentuckyauthor@icloud.com](mailto:kentuckyauthor@icloud.com).

Sincerely,

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