Whereas, Kentucky has several providers capable of providing hyperbaric oxygen therapy throughout the state, with approximately 34 hospital Wound Care Centers equipped with 73 functional hyperbaric chambers,

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE JOINT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS OF KENTUCKY, THIS 5th DAY OF May 2021:

- 1. The Joint Executive Council of Veteran Organizations of Kentucky requests the Kentucky General Assembly to communicate directly with each of Kentucky's U.S. Congressional Delegation strongly encouraging their support in directing the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to add each of the state's VA Medical Centers to the Center for Compassionate Innovation, enabling them to provide HBOT treatment to veterans with TBI or PTSD. In addition, the VA should be strongly encouraged to contract with eligible providers who can provide this treatment in reasonable travel distance for the veteran and pay for this critical care.
- 2. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to Governor Andy Beshear, Chairman of the Senate and House Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection Committees, and Commissioner Keith Jackson, Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs.

Edwin Vincent
Chairman