

## **RESOLUTION #MV2018-01**

## RESOLUTION ON ESTABLISHING A VETERANS' MEDIATION PROGRAM IN CSG'S EASTERN REGION

**WHEREAS**, the Council of State Governments Eastern Regional Conference (CSG/ERC) Military & Veterans Affairs Committee recognizes that veterans face complex problems involving housing instability and homelessness, instability with family and children due to multiple and/or extended deployment; high instances of unemployment, and service members who exhibit symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD); and

**WHEREAS**, mediation has proven to be effective in resolving veterans' homelessness, unemployment, health and mental health problems, family relationship problems, access to benefits and other conflicts for service members, veterans and military-connected families; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Massachusetts has approved the QUABBIN MEDIATION veterans' mediation training program by the standards of its court-connected dispute resolution services; and

WHEREAS, QUABBIN MEDIATION will be used as the model training program; and

**WHEREAS**, the CSG/ERC Military & Veterans Affairs Committee is committed to supporting programs that benefit the entire military-connected community,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the CSG/ERC Military & Veterans Affairs Committee is proposing the creation of a new working relationship with Stanley C. Rosenberg to explore a collaborative relationship to create a veterans mediation program to the all states and territories in the CSG/ERC eastern region; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be considered an official proposal to enter into a mutual agreement with Stanley C. Rosenberg for the purposes of creating the proposed programming; and



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be submitted to the CSG/ERC Strategic Planning Committee for review.