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## **Resolution Regarding the Department of Defense “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” Policy**

**Whereas**, LGBT service members have given honorable military service to our country during peacetime and war and continue to serve honorably in Iraq, Afghanistan, and wherever the United States military is currently deployed or stationed;

**Whereas**, since its inception Iraq Veterans Against the War has called for full benefits to returning service members, benefits which are often denied to LGBT service members discharged under the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy;

**Whereas**, Iraq Veterans Against the War has a policy of non-discrimination based on sexual orientation;

**Therefore**, be it resolved that Iraq Veterans Against the War stands against discrimination within the military based on sexual orientation and supports the immediate repeal of the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy;

**Additionally**, notwithstanding our support for an immediate repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” we call for the President to issue an executive order which would immediately suspend all discharges and investigations under the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy until the President and Congress discuss the policy and a decision is made to end the policy or continue it.

*Adopted: August 8, 2009*