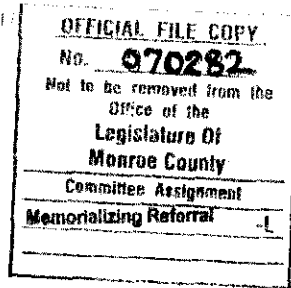


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**Subject: Memorializing the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs to Support the Canandaigua Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC) Proposed Option #9**

Honorable Legislators:

The Canandaigua Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC) provides inpatient and outpatient medical services to veterans living in Upstate New York, and has done so for over 75 years. Canandaigua VAMC campus services also include long-term care and psychiatric care.

It is extremely evident that the Canandaigua VAMC has earned an exemplary reputation and has the strong support not only of the veterans it has served and currently serves, but also of the local community. Preservation of the existing facility and its historic campus must remain a top priority throughout the Veterans Administration's capital asset realignment process.

The Finger Lakes Veterans Advisory Committee has affirmed its support for Option #9 as presented by the Canandaigua VAMC Local Advisory Panel. Option #9, which has also received the support of the Canandaigua City Council, the Canandaigua Chamber of Commerce, the Seventh District American Legion, the Ontario County American Legion and the Ontario County Board of Supervisors, calls for maintaining a substantial portion of the existing infrastructure on the VAMC campus for re-use for outpatient care and administrative purposes and appropriately recognizes the importance of retaining a campus environment.

Now more than ever, the Department of Veterans Affairs should take steps necessary to ensure top-quality healthcare access for our current and future veterans and, throughout the VA capital asset realignment process, must take actions that reflect the wishes of impacted veterans and communities. Therefore, we ask you to join us in Memorializing the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs to support proposed Option #9 for the Canandaigua Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC).

Respectfully submitted,

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