

# *Proclamation*

## **Because We Care Day**

**April 5, 2017**

WHEREAS, thousands of veterans of America's armed forces have served this nation in times of peace and war and, in so doing, have thereby assured the safety and prosperity of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, annually more than a million veterans nationwide enter Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities for medical care; and

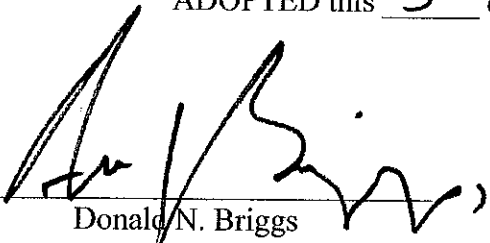
WHEREAS, these hospitalized veterans, who yet bear the physical and emotional scars of war, have most surely earned our gratitude for the many personal sacrifices they have made on our behalf; and

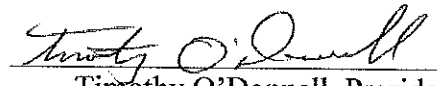
WHEREAS, the veterans organization, which is proudly known to our town as AMVETS, generously contributes time and effort to the welfare of all veterans and urges all Americans to remember these hospitalized men and women on this day and throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, we wish to express our gratitude and sincere appreciation for the sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Emmitsburg, Maryland do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 5, 2017, *Because We Care Day* in the Martinsburg VA Medical Center and do, therefore, call upon all citizens to pay tribute to hospitalized veterans on this day and each day of the year.

ADOPTED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2017.

  
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Donald N. Briggs  
Mayor

  
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Timothy O'Donnell, President  
Board of Commissioners