

Department of Veterans Affairs

National VA Research Week May 13 – 17, 2013

Whereas, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is committed to biomedical, clinical, rehabilitation, and health services research as an integral component of its health care mission; and,

Whereas, VA's research program plays a vital role in the delivery of high-quality, cost-effective care for our Nation's Veterans; and,

Whereas, VA research makes significant contributions to advances in diagnosis and treatment of disease and disability; and,

Whereas, public awareness of VA's research accomplishments enhances the mission of the Department.

Therefore, VA hereby designates **May 13-17, 2013**, as **National VA Research Week**. The theme is "VA Research Inspires." I encourage VA medical centers to recognize the observance of this week and emphasize the essential part VA research has in improving Veterans' lives.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Petzel".

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