

Department of Veterans Affairs

National VA Research Week

April 26 – 30, 2010

Whereas, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is committed to biomedical, clinical, rehabilitation, and health services research as integral components 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 the 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 Veterans Health Administration,

The Department of Veterans Affairs hereby designates **April 26 – 30, 2010**, as **National VA Research Week**. The theme is "*VA Research: 85 Years of Discovery, Innovation, and Advancements*." I encourage VA medical centers to host events during this week to recognize the essential part VA research has in improving Veterans' lives.



Eric K. Shinseki
Secretary of Veterans Affairs

