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, 2019, as National VA Research Week. The theme is "The Science of Hope." I encourage VA medical centers to recognize the observance of this week and emphasize the essential part VA research has in improving Veterans' lives.

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