**(Resolution Template: Multi-organizational)**

**A Resolution in Support of (Name of Institution)**

**and the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC)**

**Commemorating 50 years of**

**Organized Academic Veterinary Medicine in America**

Whereas, the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) is a Washington, D. C. based international academic association that represents all of the accredited schools and colleges of veterinary medicine in the United States and many around the world, including the (name of school or college); and,

Whereas, the profession of veterinary medicine plays a critical role in the health and wellbeing of society, provides human-quality healthcare for more than 180 million beloved family pets in the United States, fosters the abundance and the safety of the nation’s food supply by promoting the health and productivity of the nation’s herds and flocks, makes important contributions to the protection of public health through food safety and infectious disease control, and advances human and animal wellbeing through biomedical research; and,

Whereas, the schools and colleges of veterinary medicine serve as the foundation of the profession, training and preparing future generations of veterinarians for professional service, developing new and improved diagnostic and therapeutic protocols, providing advanced support for veterinarians practicing in communities around the nation, and conducting hundreds of millions of dollars worth of scientific research every year; and,

Whereas, the AAVMC helps advance the standards of excellence in academic veterinary medicine, and makes critical and lasting contributions to the quality of our schools and colleges of veterinary medicine through its ongoing efforts to Analyze, Catalyze and Advocate; and,

Whereas, the AAVMC is observing 50 years of public service in 2016 through a broad-based celebration of academic veterinary medicine themed “Fifty and Forward,” an anniversary year designed to celebrate and highlight the critical role our schools and colleges of veterinary medicine play in the wellbeing of the agricultural, companion animal and organized veterinary medical communities; and,

Whereas, because the people and animals of (the state of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) benefit substantially as a result of the presence and the contributions of the (name of veterinary school or college), this anniversary celebration is a timely reminder of the important contributions made by the (name of institution) in the promotion of human and animal health and wellbeing in the great state of (name of state); then,

Hereby, be it resolved, that the (name of the state legislative body, agricultural or state veterinary medical association) does hereby embrace and endorse this celebration of academic veterinary medicine, and in doing so, expresses its sincere and enduring gratitude and support for the (name of institution), which has grown and prospered as a result of the work of the AAVMC; and,

Be it further resolved that on this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2015/6, this resolution will be entered into the permanent records of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and a copy of this testament will be shared with the leadership of the (name of institution) as an expression of our recognition and appreciation.

Date Signatures