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**CITY OF BOSTON  
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 6452, “VETERANS SCAM AND FRAUD EVASION (VSAFE) ACT.”**

**WHEREAS:** Veterans have served our country honorably, and have earned their benefits and services; *and*

**WHEREAS:** Unfortunately, with the benefits that they earned, veterans often become targets of scammers, with fraud particularly targeting military retirees and older veterans who may need help navigating how to access resources; *and*

**WHEREAS:** According to Disabled American Veterans (DAV), over 74,000 veterans and military retirees reported instances of fraud or identity theft in 2023; *and*

**WHEREAS:** H.R. 6452, “Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Act (VSAFE) of 2023” will establish the position of Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Officer in the the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (V.A.), who will be responsible for fraud and scam prevention, reporting, as well as incident response plans at the V.A.; *and*

**WHEREAS:** The Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Officer will also establish consistent guidance on how to identify, report, and avoid fraud and scam attempts to veterans, military families, caregivers, and survivors; *and*

**WHEREAS:** The bill will also facilitate the coordination across federal departments to work on veterans fraud prevention and reporting, and require the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop ways to monitor fraud and scam metrics, analyze data, and provide internal and external reporting; *and*

**WHEREAS:** This bill is being supported by Disabled American Veterans, and will help our veterans in avoiding and reporting scams, and ensure that they are able to receive all the benefits that they are entitled to; *and*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:**

That the Boston City Council strongly supports the passage of H.R. 6452, “Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Act (VSAFE) of 2023 in Congress, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation.

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