



*“The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any wars, no matter how justified, shall be proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation.”*  
--- George Washington

### **Let it be known to all that...**

**WHEREAS** Richmond Crolius, of Groton Long Point, Connecticut is devoting his lifetime to service to his community and the nation,

**AND WHEREAS**, Rick Crolius has served honorably as an officer in the United States Navy,

**AND WHEREAS**, Rick Crolius has devoted his post military life in service to his fellow veterans,

**AND WHEREAS**, Rick Crolius has been devoting more than fifteen years helping America’s injured veterans succeed by supporting the establishment, promoting the mission, and devoting years of service on the Board of Directors as our Vice President,

**AND WHEREAS**, Rick Crolius is personally responsible for recruiting major donors resulting in contributions of hundreds of thousands of dollars for our mission,

**AND WHEREAS**, Rick Crolius established an annual “Hands Up for Veterans” event which raised \$150,000 in fifteen years,

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN**, that by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors it is decreed that Work Vessels for Veterans hereby establishes

**THE RICK CROLIUS PATRIOT “HAND UP” GRANT PROGRAM  
with an initial balance of \$10,000 to be distributed to injured  
veteran awardees of Work Vessels for Vets who are “in extremis”  
and need a further Hand UP!**

**On this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2023 at Groton Long Point, Connecticut**

**John Niekrash  
President of the Board**

**Marc Harrell  
Vice President of the Board**