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## Hampton Mayor George Wallace joins national campaign to end veteran homelessness

**Sept. 30, 2014** – Hampton Mayor George Wallace has joined Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe and dozens of other elected officials from across the state and the nation in the “Mayor’s Challenge to end Veteran Homelessness in 2015.”

“The city of Hampton, home to Langley Air Force Base and the Hampton VA Medical Center, has a very special relationship with the military, and we will advocate and use all of the available resources to help homeless veterans,” Wallace said. “They have served their country proudly. Now we need to serve them.”

The mayors of Alexandria, Richmond, Petersburg, Salem, Roanoke, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News also signed the national Challenge, which calls for federal, state and local officials to rally government and non-profit efforts to end homeless in their communities by the end of 2015.

As part of that effort, a special 100 Day Challenge was launched in Virginia last week to end veteran homelessness. “Together we can be a force for positive change,” said McAuliffe, one of five state executives to join the nationwide effort. “We must renew our commitment to better serve our veterans in every community across the Commonwealth,” McAuliffe said.

First announced this summer by First Lady Michelle Obama, the nationwide Mayor’s Challenge is sponsored by HUD, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, National League of Cities and various government, corporate and philanthropic partners.

The challenge calls for removing barriers to help veterans get permanent housing as quickly as possible, coordinating outreach efforts, and identifying and reaching out to the most vulnerable veterans.

Read the release at <https://governor.virginia.gov/newsroom/newsarticle?articleId=6576> for more information about the 100 Day challenge in Virginia, or visit <http://hampton.gov/mayorschallenge> for more information about the national campaign.

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