# A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

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As Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), I assess that the financial and performance information data used in this Agency Financial Report (AFR) are complete and reliable, demonstrating our commitment to fiscal transparency and responsibility, reflecting our unwavering focus on the Veteran.

I am pleased to announce that the Department earned its 28th consecutive unmodified audit opinion from the independent public accounting firm, Kearney & Company, for the FY 2026 financial statement audit. This audit signifies that VA's financial statements are fairly presented in all material respects and demonstrates our steadfast commitment to transparency and exceptional fiscal stewardship.

These accomplishments are a testament to the dedication of our public servants and partners. While we are proud of this progress, our work is not done. We look forward to building on these successes and continuing our historic reforms to provide the best possible care and services to Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors.

Sincerely,

(/s/) Douglas A. Collins