RESOLUTION NO. 16 - 70

A Resolution Urging The Legislature To Return To The Former Block Grant Method For County Veterans Service Offices.

WHEREAS, prior to the enactment of the 2015-2017 State biennial budget, which is known as 2015 Act 55, State Veterans Service Office grants to counties were block grants ranging from $8,500 to $13,000 based on the county's population and these grants were to be used strictly for supplementing the salary of the County Veterans Service Officer, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the enactment of 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, County Veterans Service Off ice grants were transitioned to a reimbursement program whereby counties must submit expenses and receive reimbursement for items that are specified as being eligible for State reimbursement and this system is cumbersome and no longer allows Veterans Service Office salary supplementation and it also contains complicated rules of cost eligibility which create financial constraints on counties, and

WHEREAS the Veterans Service Commission has carefully considered this matter and is now presenting this Resolution to the County Board for its consideration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Richland County Board of Supervisors that the County Board hereby urges the Legislature to repeal the County Veterans Service Officer grants system contained in 2015 Wisconsin Act 55 and return the County Veterans Service Officer grant program to its former status as a block grant program of grants based on county population to be used for supplementing the salary of County Veterans Service Officers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Governor Scott Walker, to the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, to all State Legislators whose districts include any portion of Richland County, to the President of the Wisconsin Veterans Service Officer Association and to the Wisconsin Counties Association, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

VOTE ON FOREGOING RESOLUTION

AYES _____ NOES _____

RESOLUTION Adopted

Victor V. Vlasak
COUNTY CLERK

DATED May 17, 2016

RESOLUTION OFFERED BY THE COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR MEMBERS OF THE VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

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STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

I, Victor V. Vlasak, County Clerk in and for the County of Richland, do hereby certify that the above resolution is a true copy of the original adopted by the Richland County Board of Supervisors at the May meeting held on the 17th day of May, 2016.

Victor V. Vlasak
Richland County Clerk