

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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COUNTY OF DUNN)

I, Julie A. Wathke, County Clerk in and for the County of Dunn, State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the attached copy of Resolution No. 2017-50 is a true and correct copy of the original ordinance duly adopted by the Dunn County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on July 26, 2017.

Given under my hand and seal in the City of Menomonie this 27th day of July, 2017.



Julie A. Wathke
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Dunn County Clerk

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DUNN COUNTY, WISCONSIN

RESOLUTION NO. 50

**Opposing Proposals to Make County Veterans Service Offices Optional,
Allow Non-Veterans to Fill the Position of County Veteran's Service Officer, and
Consolidate or Regionalize County Veterans Service Offices in Wisconsin**

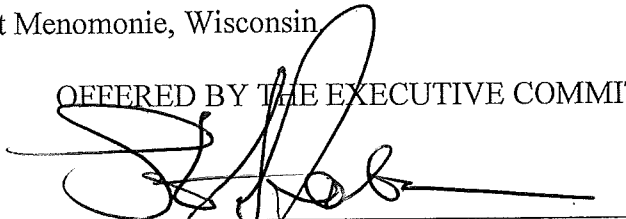
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Dunn joins other counties in the State of Wisconsin to express to the Wisconsin State Legislature their opposition to any future efforts to make County Veterans Service Officers optional, to allow non-veterans to fill the position of County Veterans Service Officer and/or to regionalize County Veterans Service Officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Scott Walker, all of Dunn County's State Senators and Assembly Representatives, to the Wisconsin Counties Association, and to the president of the County Veterans Service Officer Association of Wisconsin.

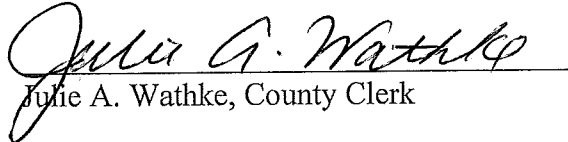
Offered this 26th day of July, 2017, at Menomonie, Wisconsin

OFFERED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

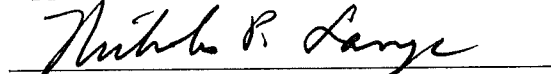
Adopted on: July 26, 2017


Steve Rasmussen, Chair

ATTEST:


Julie A. Wathke, County Clerk

Approved as to Form and Execution:


Nicholas P. Lange, Corporation Counsel

Budget Impact: Adoption of this Resolution will have no impact on the 2017 budget.

Background Information: Section 45.80, Wis. Stats., requires each county to elect or appoint a County Veterans Service Officer who is a Wisconsin resident and who served under honorable conditions on active duty in the Armed Forces. County Veterans Service Officers are an invaluable resource to all veterans in the local community, but especially to elderly and disabled veterans. They are responsible for a high percentage of veterans' claims at any given time at the VA Regional Office in Milwaukee and are often the only advocates for when dealing with the Veteran's Administration. Collectively, County Veterans Service Officers have assisted veterans in obtaining more than \$2.7 billion in veteran's benefits annually in Wisconsin.

There have been proposals to make the appointment of County Veterans Service Officers optional for counties, to allow non-veterans to fill the position of County Veterans Service Officer and to consolidate or regionalize County Veterans Service Offices. By adopting this Resolution, the Dunn County Board of Supervisors goes on record as opposing such proposals and urges the Wisconsin Legislature to oppose any such future efforts.