WAUPACA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 35 (2016 – 2017)

Subject: Returning CVSO Grant to a Block Grant Format

WHEREAS, Wisconsin County Veterans Service Offices (WI-CVSOs) have received a block-grant from the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs for WI-CVSO salary supplement since 1973 to attract and retain talent and as a means to fund improvements to WI-CVSO veterans services; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Wisconsin Biennium Budget restructured this long-standing WI-CVSO Grant block payment to a reimbursement-only payment structure which has resulted in a cumbersome program that no longer allows salary supplementation and contains complicated rules for eligible reimbursable costs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Waupaca County joins other Wisconsin counties to express its position that the Wisconsin State Legislature return the County Veterans Service Office Grant to the original 1973 intent to be used for supplementing the salary of County Veterans Service Officers and fund services improvement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Waupaca County Board of Supervisors hereby requests the State Legislature authorize the WI-CVSO Grant in a block-grant structure requiring only the signatures of the current County Veteran Service Officer and County Executive, County Administrator or County Board Chairman as verification of compliance; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution be sent to all of Waupaca County's State Senators and Assembly Representatives, to the Wisconsin Counties Association, and to the President of the Wisconsin County Veterans Service Officer Association.

Passed this 21 day of

March , 2017

25 Ayes O Nays

ATTEST:

Jill Lodewegen Waupaca County Clerk Diane L. Meulemans Corporation Counsel

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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