

**RESOLUTION #2016-11**

**That the CVSO Grant be returned to a block-grant.**

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin County Veterans Service Office has operated as a block-grant for CVSO salary supplement since legislative inception in 1973, to attract and retain CVSO talent, and as a means to fund improvements to CVSO veteran services in the county; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2015 Wisconsin Biennium Budget restructured this long-standing CVSO Grant block payment structure to a reimbursement only payment structure, and has resulted in a very cumbersome program that no longer allows salary supplementation, and contains complicated rules of eligible reimbursable costs, which together now create fiscal constraints on Wisconsin counties that benefitted from the previous block grant payment structure; and


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Florence joins other counties in the State of Wisconsin, to express their desire to the Wisconsin State Legislature to have the County Veterans Service Grant returned to the original 1973 intent to be used strictly for supplementing the salary of the County Veterans Service Officers in order to attract and retain talented personnel in those positions; and,

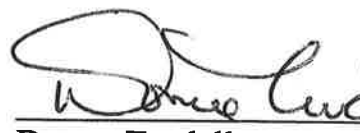
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Florence County Board of Supervisors does hereby request of the State Legislature that the CVSO Grant be structured in a block-grant structure requiring only the signatures of the current CVSO and County Administrative Coordinator or the County Board Chairman as verification of compliance; and

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that publication of this resolution may occur through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

I, Jeanette Bomberg, Chairperson, Florence County Board of Supervisors and I, Donna Trudell, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Florence County Board of Supervisors at its meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016.

  
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Jeanette Bomberg, Chair,  
Florence County Board of Supervisors

  
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Donna Trudell,  
Florence County Clerk