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WCA  
Board of Directors  
22 E. Mifflin St, Suite 900  
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RE: Resolution 06-2016-Desire to have the County Veterans Officer  
Supplementation of salary re-instated.

Dear Mr. Johnson, Jr:

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of a resolution that was adopted at the August 16, 2016, Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting with regard to the above-entitled matter that I have been asked to forward to you for your information.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Nora Matuszewski,  
Forest County Clerk

Enclosure

## **RESOLUTION 16-2016**

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Resolution offered by THE FOREST COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES COMMITTEE

**RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, That**

**WHEREAS**, the County Veterans Service Office block grant was created in 1973 to assist counties in providing veterans' services and allowing them to utilize these funds for salary supplement of the County Veterans Service Officer or other costs as long as it was for the benefit of veterans and did not go to another department or into the county general fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Veterans Service Office grant was originally conceived as a block grant structure and was based upon employment of a full-time County Veterans Service Officer and the aggregate population in each county; and

**WHEREAS**, although there were no specific standards ever established by the state Department of Veterans Affairs as to proper usage of grant funds, grant applications were prepared annually by counties, submitted to the state and also approved by the state each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2015 Wisconsin Biennium Budget restructured this long-standing block grant payment structure to a reimbursement-only payment structure, strictly limiting what grant funds can be used for an resulting in a very time-consuming, cumbersome process for not only the County Veterans Service Office but other county departments as well.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST**

**COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** that the County of Forest joins other counties in the state of Wisconsin to express their desire to the Wisconsin State Legislature to have the County Veterans Service Office grant reinstated to the original 1973 intent to be used for supplementation of County Veterans Service Officer salary or for improving services to county veterans.

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

ROLL CALL SHEET COUNTY BOARD		Aye	No	Absent
No. <u>16-2016</u>	Ordinance _____			
Resolution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adopted _____			
Motion: <u>Dailey</u>	Lost _____			
1st <u>Dailey</u>	Tabled _____			
2nd <u>Otto</u>				
Berg		X		
Bunda		X		
Campbell		X		
Chaney		X		
Collins		X		
Connors, Jr.		X		
Dailey		X		
Dehart		X		
Gallion		X		
Houle		X		
Huettl		X		
Karl		X		
Laabs		X		
Lukas		X		
Marvin		X		
Matuszewski		X		
Millan		X		
Otto		X		
Shaffer		X		
Stamper		X		
Tauer				X
TOTAL		20		

I, County Clerk, in and for the said County of Forest, State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, in legal session on the 16 day of August, 2016.

Ana Matuszewski  
Forest County Clerk

Dated this 16 day of AUG, 2016

Paul Millan  
Supervisor