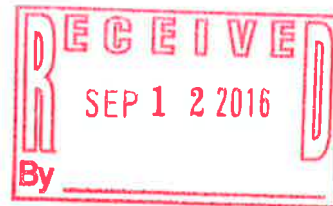


RESOLUTION 2905



Resolution offered by the Veterans Service Commission

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Iron County, Wisconsin:

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Statutes Section 45.80 requires each county to elect a County Veterans Service Officer who is a Wisconsin resident and who served under honorable conditions on active duty in the Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, County Veterans Service Officers are responsible for 95% of veterans' claims at any given time at the VA Regional Office in Milwaukee; and

**WHEREAS**, County Veterans Service Officers assist veterans with obtaining more than \$2.4 billion in VA benefits annually; and

**WHEREAS**, County Veterans Service Officers are invaluable to all veterans but especially elderly and disabled veterans in rural communities who are unable to drive and do not have public transportation options; and

**WHEREAS**, County Veterans Service Officers are the only veterans' advocates when dealing with the VA who serve veterans' right in their community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Iron joins other counties in the state of Wisconsin, to express their desire to the Wisconsin State Legislature adamantly opposing any efforts to make County Veterans Service Officers optional, to allow non-veterans to fill the position of County Veterans Service Officers, and/or to consolidate or regionalize County Veterans Service Offices.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Iron 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.

Adopted by the County Board of Supervisors this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016

By:

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Pinardi", written over a horizontal line.

Joseph Pinardi, Iron County Board Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Saari", written over a horizontal line.

Michael Saari, Iron County Clerk