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RESOLUTION# 16-8-5

DATE August 16, 2016

Effective Date August 16, 2016

Introduced by Health and Human Services

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Committee

Motion: Adopted:
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 No: 0 Yes: 18 Absent: 1
 Number of votes required:
 Majority Two-thirds
 Reviewed by: PAK, Corp Counsel
 Reviewed by: _____, Finance Dir.

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To oppose efforts to regionalize or make County Veteran Service Officers optional.

FISCAL NOTE: None.

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

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1	LaFontaine, D		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2	Rozar, D			
3	Feirer, M			
4	Wagner, E			
5	Hendler, P			
6	Breu, A			
7	Ashbeck, R			
8	Miner, T			
9	Winch, W			
10	Henkel, H			
11	Curry, K			
12	Machon, D			
13	Hokamp, M			
14	Polach, D			
15	Clendenning, B			
16	Pliiml, L			
17	Zurfluh, J		<u>Absent</u>	
18	Hamilton, B			
19	Leichtnam, B			

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

WHEREAS, County Veteran Service Officers assist Wisconsin veterans with obtaining more than \$2.5 billion in VA benefits annually; and

WHEREAS, the Wood County Veteran Service Officer assist Wood county veterans with obtaining more than \$51 million in annual VA and state veterans benefits; and

WHEREAS, County Veteran Service Officers are the only local veterans' advocates when dealing with the state and federal VA programs; and

WHEREAS, County Veteran Service Officers provide veterans solutions using veteran specific resources freeing up other limited costly services for the non-veteran county residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES to join other counties in the state of Wisconsin, to express their desire to the Wisconsin State Legislature adamantly opposing any efforts to make County Veteran Service officers optional, to allow non-veterans to fill the position of County Veteran Service Officer, and/or to consolidate or regionalize County Veteran Service Officers.

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

 DONNA ROZAR (Chairperson) Donna Rozar DEAR

 BILL CLENDENNING Bill Clendenning

 PETER HENDLER Peter Hendler

 MARION HOKAMP Marion Hokamp

 DENNIS POLACH Dennis Polach

 JEFFREY KOSZCZUK, D.O. Jeffrey Koszczuk

 LORI SLATTERY-SMITH, R.N. Lori Slattery-Smith

 TOM BUTTKE Tom Buttke

 JESSICA VICENTE Jessica Vicente

 Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this 16th day of August 20 16.

Cynthia Cepress County Clerk

Donna Rozar County Board Chairman