

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE CONSOLIDATION OR REGIONALIZATION OF CVSO

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INTRODUCED BY: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES & VETERANS SERVICE BOARD

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Express desire toward the Wisconsin State Legislature to oppose making County Veterans Service Officers optional, allowing non-Veterans to fill the CVSO position and to not allow the consolidation or regionalization of the CVSO office within Wisconsin.

FISCAL NOTE: NONE

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 processing over 80% of the Wisconsin claims that get sent to the Milwaukee VA Regional Office; and

WHEREAS: County Veterans Service Officers are the major stakeholder in assisting veterans and their families with obtaining more than \$2.7 billion in VA benefits annually in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS: County Veterans Service Officers are invaluable to all Veterans and their families but especially to the vulnerable, elderly and disabled that are in constant need of a Veterans advocate that has the knowledge, skills and Ability to navigate locally through the bureaucracy of the State and Federal Veterans Administration system.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Adams County Board of Supervisors that the County of Adams joins other counties in the State of Wisconsin, to express their desire to the Wisconsin State Legislature to adamantly oppose any future efforts to make County Veterans Service Officers optional; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Adams County Board of Supervisors that the County of Adams joins other counties in the State of Wisconsin, to express their desire to the Wisconsin State Legislature to adamantly oppose any efforts to allow non-veterans to fill the positions of County Veterans Service Officers; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Adams County Board of Supervisors that the County of Adams joins other counties in the State of Wisconsin, to express their desire to the Wisconsin State Legislature to adamantly oppose any efforts to allow any consolidation and/or regionalization of the County Veterans Service Offices; and

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

Recommended for adoption by the Health and Human Services and Veterans Service Board this 13th day of February, 2017.

Dean Behrman *Sergey Nary-Benedict*
Scott Johnson *Debra Schuch* *Carl Adams* *Magee Edwards*

Adopted Defeated _____ Tabled _____
by the Adams County Board of Supervisors this _____ day of February, 2017
Bob West *Lindy Shellepp*
County Board Chair County Clerk

Reviewed by Corp/Counsel Reviewed by Cty Manager/Administrative Coordinator

State of Wisconsin
County of Adams
This document is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file and of record in my office and has been compared by me
2017
FEBRUARY 28
Amanda Spangenberg
County Clerk

