WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Legislature resolved in 1973 to create a block grant system through which the Counties of Wisconsin could seek fiscal support based on county population and full-time employment of County Veteran Service Officers, and

WHEREAS, current funding for the St. Croix County Veteran Service Office is funded almost entirely by the county and has not been increased by the State of Wisconsin since 1979; and

WHEREAS, in the 2020 budget for the St. Croix County Veteran Service Office is $286,392 of which $269,392 or roughly 94% is funded by local tax levy with the balance of approximately $17,000 funding through state grants; and

WHEREAS, according to 2018 Veterans Affairs data, St. Croix County has an estimated 5,314 veterans and VA expenditures for the same year equal in excess of $38 million to St. Croix County; and

WHEREAS, if funded the St. Croix County Veteran Service Office recommends the additional grant funds be used to serve veterans of St. Croix County by supplementing transportation & program development, staff development, outreach and other necessary budget items vital in providing services to veterans in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, that the County of St. Croix 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 increased to continue providing services to Wisconsin veterans as costs for services and training increase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors supports State and Federal legislation that would bring additional funding to the County Veteran Service Offices of Wisconsin to serve St. Croix County veterans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the office of the Wisconsin Governor, the office of Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, St. Croix County Legislators, and Wisconsin Counties Association.
Legal – Fiscal – Administrative Approvals:

Legal Note:
Fiscal Impact: No fiscal Impact

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Tom Coulter, Supervisor
SECONDER: Paulette Anderson, Vice-Chair
AYES: Coulter, Moothedan, Fosterling, Ostness, Anderson, Lindemann, Ward
ABSENT: Buck Malick, Paul McGinnis

Vote Confirmation.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Dave Ostness, Vice Chair
SECONDER: Lynda Miller, Supervisor
AYES: Schachtner, Miller, Coulter, Moothedan, Feidler, Ostness, Larson, Hansen, Ard, Tellijohn, Peterson, Anderson, Achterhof, Hable, Peavey
| **ABSENT:** | Jim Endle, Roy Sjoberg, Buck Malick, Dan Fosterling |

This Resolution was Adopted by the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors on March 3, 2020

Cindy Campbell, County Clerk