



RESOLUTION NO. 16 - 103

A Resolution Recommending That The Legislature Not Change The Veterans Service Officer Statute.

WHEREAS it is provided in Wisconsin Statutes, section 45.80 that each county in Wisconsin must appoint a Veterans Service Officer who is a Wisconsin resident and who has served under honorable conditions on active duty in the Armed Services, and

WHEREAS County Veteran Service Officers provide invaluable services to all veterans, especially elderly or disabled veterans in rural areas who are unable to drive and who do not have public transportation available and, collectively, County Veterans Service Officers obtain more than \$2.4 billion in Veterans Administrative benefits annually for Wisconsin veterans and they are often the only advocates for veterans when dealing with the Veterans Administration, and

WHEREAS there have been proposals to make the appointment of County Veterans Service Officers for counties optional, to allow non-veterans to serve as County Veterans Service Officers, and also to consolidate or regionalized County Veterans Service Offices and the Veterans Service Commission wants the County Board to express opposition to these proposals.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Richland County Board of Supervisors that the County Board hereby expresses its opposition to any proposals to make appointment of County Veterans Service Officers optional for counties, to allow non-veterans to fill the position of county Veterans Service Officer and/or to consolidate or regionalize County Veterans Service Offices, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, to all State Legislators whose districts include any portion of Richland County, to the Wisconsin Counties Association and to the County Veterans Service Officers Association of Wisconsin, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

VOTE ON FOREGOING RESOLUTION

AYES _____ NOES _____

RESOLUTION Adopted

Victor V. Vlasak
COUNTY CLERK

DATED July 19, 2016

RESOLUTION OFFERED BY THE COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR MEMBERS OF THE VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

	FOR	AGAINST
<u>[Signature]</u>		X
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STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

I, Victor V. Vlasak, County Clerk in and for the County of Richland, do hereby certify that the above resolution is a true copy of the original adopted by the Richland County Board of Supervisors at the July meeting held on the 19th day of July, 2016.

Victor V. Vlasak
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Richland County Clerk