Polk County Board of Supervisors
Resolution No: R-17
Opposing Making County Veterans Service Officers Optional, Allowing Non-Veterans to Fill the
CVSO Position, or Consolidating or Regionalizing County Veteran Services Officers in Wisconsin

TO THE HONORABLE SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF
POLK:

Gentlemen:

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 a high percentage of veterans'
claims at any given time at the VA Regional Office in Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, County Veterans Service Officers are a major stakeholder in assisting veterans with
obtaining more than $2.7 billion in VA benefits annually in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, County Veterans Service Officers are invaluable to all veterans but especially
elderly and disabled veterans in the local community; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Polk joins other counties in the state of
Wisconsin, to express their desire to the Wisconsin State Legislature to adamanty oppose any
future efforts to make County Veterans Service Officers optional.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Polk joins other counties in the state of
Wisconsin, to express their desire to the Wisconsin State Legislature to adamanty oppose any
efforts to allow non-veterans to fill the positions of County Veterans Service Officers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the county of Polk joins other counties in the state of
Wisconsin, to express their desire to the Wisconsin State Legislature to adamanty oppose any
efforts to allow any consolidation and/or regionalization of County Veterans Service Offices.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk cause to be published this resolution in
accordance with Wisconsin Statute Section 59.14.

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Acknowledgement of County Board Action

At its regular business meeting on the 21st of March 2017, the Polk County Board of Supervisors considered and acted on the above resolution, Resolution No: 2D-17: Opposing Making County Veterans Service Officers Optional, Allowing Non- Veterans to Fill the CVSO Position, or Consolidating or Regionalizing County Veteran Services Offices in Wisconsin, as follows:

☐ Adopted by simple majority of the board of supervisors by a vote of _______ in favor and _______ against.
☒ Adopted by unanimous vote. **voice vote**
☐ Defeated by a vote of _______ in favor and _______ against.
☐ Defeated by voice vote.
☐ Action Deferred by Procedural Action, as follows: ____________________________

________________________________________
Signed By: Dean Johansen, County Board Chairperson

Attest:
Sharon Jorgenson, County Clerk

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CERTIFIED COPY OF POLK COUNTY RESOLUTION

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
COUNTY OF POLK  

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I, Sharon E. Jorgenson, County Clerk for Polk County, do hereby certify that the
Attached hereto and incorporated herein is a true and correct copy of Resolution
No. 80-17 adopted by the Polk County Board of Supervisors at its regular business
meeting held on March 21, 2017.

[Signature]
Sharon E. Jorgenson, Polk County Clerk  Date  3-21-17