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Motion: Adopted: Lost:
 1st Hamilton Tabled:
 2nd Feirer Absent: 0
 No: 0 Yes: 19
 Number of votes required:
 Majority Two-thirds
 Reviewed by: PAK, Corp Counsel
 Reviewed by: _____, Finance Dir.

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To support the 116th Congress Senate Bill 3020 and House of Representative Bill 5516 the "Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act" (CVSO Act).

FISCAL NOTE: None

WHEREAS, the number of veteran suicides nationwide continues to rise, and approximately 14 of the 20 veterans who die by suicide each day are not receiving care from the Veterans Health Administration. County Veteran Service Officers (CVSOs) are often the first point of contact in the community for veterans and are on the frontlines in this battle against veteran suicides by helping enroll veterans into the VA Health Administration. CVSOs also provide assistance to veterans on a range of benefits and services, including compensation benefits, VA home loans, education benefits and available job placement assistance. However, there is currently no federal funding support directly available for CVSOs, and

	NO	YES	A
1 LaFontaine, D		X	
2 Rozar, D		X	
3 Feirer, M		X	
4 Wagner, E		X	
5 Fischer, A		X	
6 Breu, A		X	
7 Ashbeck, R		X	
8 Hahn, J		X	
9 Winch, W		X	
10 Thao, L		X	
11 Curry, K		X	
12 Valenstein, L		X	
13 Hokamp, J		X	
14 Polach, D		X	
15 Clendenning, B		X	
16 Pliml, L		X	
17 Zurfluh, J		X	
18 Hamilton, B		X	
19 Leichtnam, B		X	

WHEREAS, there is pending legislation, the "Commitment to Veterans Support and Outreach Act" that authorizes the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with States or to award grants to States to promote health and wellness, prevent suicide, and improve outreach to veterans. The CVSO Act will authorize \$50 million annually for five years to expand and support through County Veteran Service Offices if they exist or similar local entities if they do not exist. States must show that these federal funds do not simply supplant current state or local funding, and

WHEREAS, improved outreach to veterans improves the quality of life and the resources available to veterans and their families in Wood County.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES, to support pending legislation, known as the "Commitment to Veterans Support and Outreach Act" (CVSO Act) that authorizes the Federal Veterans Affairs Secretary to enter into contracts with States or to award grants to States to promote health and wellness, prevent suicide, and improve outreach to veterans, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be directed to the attention of the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Counties Association, Wood County's Federal Legislators, and to each Wisconsin County.

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ADAM FISHER *Adam C. Fisher* TOM BUTTKE
 JOHN HOKAMP *John Hokamp* DR. STEVEN KULICK
 DONNA ROZAR *DONNA ROZAR* JESSICA VICENTE
 LES THAO *[Signature]* HEATHER WELLACH, RN
 LAURA VALENSTEIN *Laura Valenstein*
 Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this 19th day of May 20 20
[Signature] County Clerk *[Signature]* County Board Chairman