

1 Polk County Board of Supervisors

2 Resolution No: 20-17

3 Opposing Making County Veterans Service Officers Optional, Allowing Non- Veterans to Fill the
4 CVSO Position, or Consolidating or Regionalizing County Veteran Services Offices in Wisconsin

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

7 Gentlemen:

8 WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes Section 45.80 requires each county to elect a County Veterans
9 Service Officer who is a Wisconsin resident and who served under honorable conditions on active
10 duty in the Armed Forces; and

11 WHEREAS, County Veterans Service Officers are responsible for a high percentage of veterans'
12 claims at any given time at the VA Regional Office in Milwaukee; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

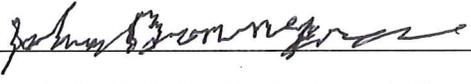
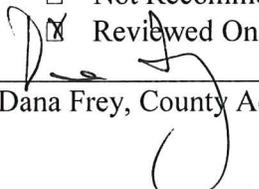
31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk cause to be published this resolution in
32 accordance with Wisconsin Statute Section 59.14.

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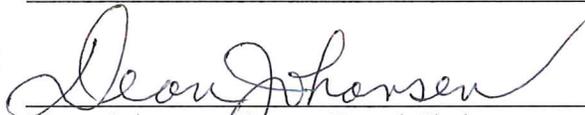
Funding Source/ Funding Amount:	Not Applicable
Date Reviewed as to Appropriations:	Not Applicable
Committee Recommendation as To Appropriation:	Not Applicable
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Dated Submitted To County Board	March 21, 2017
Submitted and Sponsored By:	
Review By County Administrator: <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only  Dana Frey, County Administrator	Review By Corporation Counsel: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved as to Form <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only  Jeffrey B. Fuge, Corporation Counsel

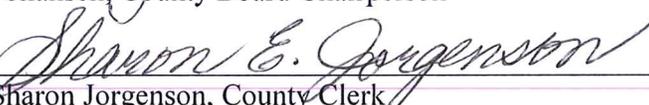
Acknowledgement of County Board Action

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: 20-17: 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

