

2 **RESOLUTION: Return County Veteran Services Officer Grant to a Block Grant Format**

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5 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

6 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin County Veterans Service Office has operated as a block-grant for County
7 Veteran Services Offices (CVSO) for CVSO salary supplement since legislative inception in 1973, to attract and
8 retain CVSO talent, and as a means to fund improvements to CVSO veterans services in the county; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the 2015 Wisconsin Biennium Budget restructured this long-standing CVSO Grant block
10 payment structure to a reimbursement only payment structure, and has resulted in a very cumbersome program that
11 no longer allows salary supplementation, and contains complicated rules of eligible reimbursable costs, which
12 together now create fiscal constraints on Wisconsin counties that benefitted from the previous block grant payment
13 structure.

14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it joins other
15 counties in the State of Wisconsin to express their desire to the Wisconsin State Legislature to have the County
16 Veterans Service Office Grant returned to the original 1973 intent to be used for supplementing the salary of County
17 Veterans Service Officers in order to attract and retain talented personnel in those positions and used to fund
18 improvement of services to veterans and their dependents.

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it does hereby request
20 of the State Legislature that the CVSO Grant be structured in a block-grant structure requiring only the signatures of
21 the current CVSO and County Executive, County Administrator or County Board Chairman as verification of
22 compliance.
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24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that a copy of this resolution
25 be sent to all of Winnebago County’s State Senators and Assembly Representatives, to the Wisconsin Counties
26 Association, and to the President of the Wisconsin County Veterans Services Officer Association.
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29 Respectfully submitted by:

30 **Legislative COMMITTEE**

31 Committee Vote: **11-0**

32 Respectfully submitted by:

33 **Judiciary and Public COMMITTEE**

34 Committee Vote: **5-0**

35 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**

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37 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this _____ day of _____, 2016.

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40 Mark L Harris
41 Winnebago County Executive