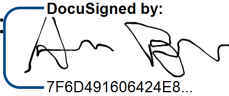


Kenosha**County**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION NO. _____

Subject: Resolution Supporting the Commitment to Veterans Support and Outreach Act (The Act)	
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Date Submitted:	Date Resubmitted:
Submitted by: Supervisors Andy Berg, John O'Day and Ronald Frederick	
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Prepared by: Andy Berg	Signature: 

WHEREAS, the number of Veteran suicides continues to rise nationwide, and approximately 14 out of 20 Veterans who currently die by suicide are not under United States Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) care; and

WHEREAS, County Veteran Service Officers (CVSO) and Tribal Veteran Service Officers (TVSO) are often the first point of contact in the local community for Veteran's services, and these Officers provide assistance to Veterans regarding a wide range of benefits, including mental health services, service-connected disability and pension VA benefits, enrollment in VA healthcare, VA home loans, education benefits and available job placement assistance; and

WHEREAS, Veterans are not always aware of available benefits, and CVSOs/TVSOs are often the first to inform Veterans of their eligibility. CVSO's county employees are nationally accredited by the VA to prepare, present and prosecute VA claims, but currently there is no Federal funding available for CVSOs; and

WHEREAS, there is legislation pending in the U.S. Congress and U.S. Senate known as the "*Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act*" (The Act). The Act also includes TVSOs. The Act authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with States, and/or to awards grants to States to promote Veterans' health and wellness, prevent suicide, improve outreach to Veterans, support activities to assist in the development and submittal of claims (training), and to create new CVSO offices in states without CVSOs. If passed, the Act will authorize \$50 Million annually for five

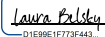


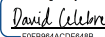

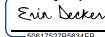
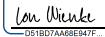
years to support these initiatives, and to provide support to CVSO/TVSO offices who currently assist Veterans and their survivors with obtaining over \$50 Billion in VA benefits annually; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the passage of pending legislation in the United States Congress known as the *“Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act”*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Kenosha County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to all Wisconsin Counties, the Kenosha County Veterans Service Officer, the County Veterans Service Officer Association (CVSOAWI), the State of Wisconsin Department of Veteran’s Affairs (WDVA); the National Association of Counties (NACo), the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO), U.S. Congressman Bryan Steil, and U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson.

Respectfully Submitted: Kenosha County Supervisor Andy Berg

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Excused</u>
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