

RESOLUTION #48-2016

Resolution offered by the Supervisors of the Social Services Committee

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes Statute 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 95% of veterans' claims at any given time at the VA Regional Office in Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, County Veterans Service Officers assist veterans with obtaining more than \$2.4 billion in VA benefits annually; and

WHEREAS, County Veterans Service Officers are invaluable to all veterans but especially elderly and disabled veterans in rural communities who are unable to drive and do not have public transportation options; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the county of Oneida joins other counties in the state of Wisconsin, to express their desire to the Wisconsin State Legislature adamantly opposing any efforts to make County Veterans Service Officers optional, to allow non-veterans to fill the position of County Veterans Service Officers, and/or to consolidate or regionalize County Veterans Service Offices.

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

Vote Required: Majority = _____ 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes _____ No _____ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, _____, Date:

Approved by the _____ Committee this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Consent Agenda Item: _____ YES _____ NO

Offered and passage moved by: _____ Supervisor

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_____ Ayes

_____ Nays

_____ Absent

_____ Abstain

_____ Adopted

by the County Board of Supervisors this _____ day _____, 2016.

_____ Defeated

Mary Bartelt, County Clerk

David Hintz, County Board Chair