



**RESOLUTION # 20-22**  
**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE**  
**COMMITMENT TO VETERANS SUPPORT AND OUTREACH ACT (THE ACT)**  
**TO THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

ROLL CALL Board Members	AYE (Yes)	NAY (No)	Abstain / Excused
1. TERRY DUSELL			
2. JERRY BILLER			
3. ALAN RATHSACK			
4. TONY HAUSER			
5. TIMOTHY MILLER			
6. ROBERT STOUT			
7. RANDY TATUR			
8. LYLE LIEFFRING			
9. BILL MCBAIN			
10. KEN PEDERSEN			
11. PHIL SCHNEIDER			
12. JIM MEYER			
13. MARK SCHMITT			
14. LISA DOBROWOLSKI			
15. TOM HANSON			
16.			
17. DAVE WILLINGHAM			
18. MICHAEL HRABAN			
19. KEN BROWN			
TOTAL			

**BOARD ACTION**

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

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Motion to Approve      Adopted

1st Schmitt      Defeated

2nd Hauser

No: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ Exc: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_, Finance Director

**FISCAL IMPACT:** (Note if there is any fiscal impact or not)

**Certification:**

I, Loren Beebe, Clerk of Rusk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 29 day of September, 2020 by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors.

Loren Beebe  
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County Clerk, Rusk County

1 **WHEREAS**, the number of veteran suicides continues to rise nationwide. Approximately  
2 fourteen (14) of the twenty (20) veterans who die by suicide each day are not under the care of  
3 the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA); and  
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5 **WHEREAS**, County Veterans Service Officers (CVSO) and Tribal Veteran Service Officers  
6 (TVSO) are often the first point of contact in the local community for veteran's services, and  
7 these officers provide assistance to veterans regarding a wide range of benefits including,  
8 mental health services, service-connected disability and pension VA benefits, enrollment in  
9 VA health care, VA home guarantee loans, education benefits and job placement assistance;  
10 and  
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12 **WHEREAS**, veterans are not always aware of available benefits, and CVSOs/TVSOs are  
13 often the first to inform veterans of their eligibility. CVSOs county employees are nationally  
14 accredited by the VA to prepare, present and prosecute VA claims, but currently there is no  
15 federal funding for CVSO's; and  
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17 **WHEREAS**, there is legislation currently pending in both houses of Congress, known as the  
18 "Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act" (the Act). The Act also includes  
19 TVSOs. The Act authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with the  
20 States, and/or to award grants to States to promote health and wellness, prevent suicide, and  
21 improve outreach to veterans, support activities to assist in the development and submittal of  
22 claims (training), and to create new CVSO offices in states without CVSOs. If passed the Act  
23 will authorize \$50 Million annually for five (5) years to support these initiatives and to  
24 provide support to CVSO/TVSO offices who currently assist veterans and their survivors with  
25 obtaining over \$50 Billion in VA benefits annually.  
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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors  
28 hereby supports the passage of pending legislation in the United States Congress known as the  
29 "Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act"; and  
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31 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors that it directs  
32 the Rusk County Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to all other Wisconsin Counties,  
33 the Rusk County Veterans Service Officer, the State of Wisconsin Department of Veteran  
34 Affairs (WDVA), the National Association of Counties (NACO), the National Association  
35 of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO) and the County Veterans Service Officer  
36 Association of Wisconsin (CVSOAWI).  
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**SUBMITTED BY:**

**Rusk County Health & Human Services Board**

Phil Schneider      Josh Unterschuetz  
Phil Schneider, Chairman      Josh Unterschuetz

Randy Tatur      Ken Brown  
Randy Tatur, Vice Chairman      Ken Brown

Tim Miller      Mark Schmitt  
Tim Miller      Mark Schmitt

Bill McBain      Dan Gudis  
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Ted Hakala      Mary Schneider  
Ted Hakala      Mary Schneider

John Ziemer