

RESOLUTION NO. 10-0217

**OPPOSING MAKING COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS OPTIONAL
OR ALLOWING NON-VETERANS TO FILL THE CVSO POSITION IN
WISCONSIN**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes Section 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 a high percentage of veterans' claims at any given time at the VA Regional Office in Milwaukee; and

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Iowa 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.

Respectfully submitted by the Iowa County Health and Human Services Committee: