

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Supervisor Yuri Raskin  
INITIATED BY



Randy Terronez, Assistant to the  
County Administrator  
DRAFTED BY

Education, Veterans and Aging  
Services Committee  
SUBMITTED BY

May 26, 2020  
DATE DRAFTED

**To Support the U.S Senate Bill 3020 - "Commitment to Veterans Support and Outreach Act" (CVSO Act)**

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4 **WHEREAS**, the number of veteran suicides nationwide continues to rise, and approximately 14 of the  
5 20 veterans who die by suicide each day are not receiving care from the Veterans Health Administration.  
6 County Veteran Service Officers (CVSOs) are often the first point of contact in the community for  
7 veterans and are on the frontlines in this battle against veteran suicides by helping enroll veterans into  
8 the VA Health Administration. CVSOs also provide assistance to veterans on a range of benefits and  
9 services, including compensation benefits, VA home loans, education benefits and available job  
10 placement assistance. However, there is currently no federal funding support directly available for  
11 CVSO; and,  
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13 **WHEREAS**, there is pending legislation, the "Commitment to Veterans Support and Outreach Act" ,  
14 Senate Bill 3020, authored by Wisconsin U.S Senator Tammy Baldwin, that authorizes the United States  
15 Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with States or to award grants to States to promote  
16 health and wellness, prevent suicide, and improve outreach to veterans. The CVSO Act will authorize  
17 \$50 million annually for five years to expand and support through County Veteran Service Offices if  
18 they exist or similar local entities if they do not exist. States must show that these federal funds do not  
19 simply supplant current state or local funding; and,  
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21 **WHEREAS**, improved outreach to veterans improves the quality of life and the resources available to  
22 veterans and their families in Rock County.  
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24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled  
25 this 25th day of June, 2020 support pending legislation, known as the "Commitment to  
26 Veterans Support and Outreach Act" (CVSO Act) that authorizes the Federal Veterans Affairs Secretary  
27 to enter into contracts with States or to award grants to States to promote health and wellness, prevent  
28 suicide, and improve outreach to veterans, and  
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30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be directed to the attention of the  
31 Governor of the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA), Rock County's Federal  
32 Legislators, and the National Association of Counties (NACo).

Respectfully submitted,

EDUCATION, VETERANS AND AGING  
SERVICES COMMITTEE

/s/Yuri Rashkin  
Yuri Rashkin, Chair

/s/Doug Wilde  
Doug Wilde, Vice Chair

/s/Pam Bostwick  
Pam Bostwick

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/s/Jacob Taylor  
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FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact in and by itself.

*/s/ Sherry Oja*

Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action  
Pursuant to secs. 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats.

*/s/Richard Greenlee*

Richard Greenlee  
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

*/s/Josh Smith*

Josh Smith  
County Administrator