

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 17 (2018/19)

Re: **Requesting the Wisconsin State Legislature to Require an Audit of the Veterans' Trust Fund Detailing Revenues Received, all Disbursements from the Fund, and the Amount of Direct Benefits Paid to Veterans for each Year Since 2014**

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans' Affairs (WDVA) paid a significant amount of benefits directly to individual veterans from the Veterans' Trust Fund prior to 2009, and

WHEREAS, the Veterans' Trust Fund was funded primarily by interest income from loans made to veterans, but the WDVA discontinued the loan programs between 2010 and 2013, and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the Veterans' Trust Fund has been funded largely by transfers of reserves from King Veterans' Home, including Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000.00) in December 2016 and Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13,000,000.00) scheduled in each year of this biennium, and

WHEREAS, direct benefits to veterans have been reduced to very small amounts, and the detail of these benefits is no longer readily available to the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sheboygan County Board of Supervisors requests the State legislature to require an audit of the Veterans' Trust Fund detailing the revenues received by and all disbursements from the Veterans' Trust Fund together with the amount of direct benefits paid to veterans for each year since 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to forward copies of this Resolution to the Governor, state legislative representatives having constituencies in Sheboygan County, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and such other public officials as the Clerk may deem appropriate.

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of October, 2018.

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Opposed to Introduction:

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