

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-11-012**

**SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONERS JEROME MOON, KENNETH MELTON, RON FRENCH,  
SHAWN CARTER, SR., AND ARCHIE ARCHER**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING ALL VETERANS AND THE EMPLOYEES OF THE BLOUNT  
COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS.**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED**, by the Blount County Board of Commissioners meeting in regular session this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017, **and IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017**, the Blount County Legislative Body does hereby give appreciation to all Veterans and the employees of the Blount County Veterans Affairs Office for their outstanding contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blount County Veterans Affairs Office serves over 11,273 Veterans in Blount County and surrounding areas, with expenditures in Blount County, Tennessee, for the past eleven years totaling around \$321,329,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to bringing \$46,853,000.00 in revenues to Blount County for the year 2016, the employees in the Blount County Veterans Affairs Office, Donna Hatcher and Marek Vyskocil, with the leadership of Nathan Weinbaum, have gone the extra mile continuously serving veterans and their families in Blount County with the utmost respect and concern and assisting them with their needs, while at the same time giving assistance to six Veterans in receiving Purple Heart Medals, eleven Veterans in earning Honorary High School Diplomas, and one Veteran in receiving a Bronze Star Medal; and

**WHEREAS**, Nathan Weinbaum - Veterans Service Officer, first appointed in May, 2011, has received many awards since becoming the Blount County Veterans Service Officer including being named the 2013 County Service Officer of the Year by the Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs, Certificate of Appreciation from Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam, Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition by Congressman John Duncan, Jr. in 2015, and Appreciation Awards from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5154 in 2013 and 2017, as well as appreciation Award from VFW Post 10855 in 2015, and a Special Recognition for Exceptional Service from Veterans of Foreign Wars, District 2, in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Donna Hatcher, Assistant Director Service Officer, began her career in public service with Blount County Government in 1991, when she became employed by the Blount County Register of Deed's Office, and in November, 1993, began working in the Blount County Veterans Affairs Office, and while working in the Veterans Affairs Office has given assistance to thousands of Veterans and their families in helping them with receiving numerous benefits and compensations, and having also been an invaluable part of the coordination of annual events such as the Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Boys and Girls County Government Day, and Boys State Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Marek Vyskocil, entered the United States Marine Corp as a citizen of the Czech Republic where he was born. After his combat tours in Iraq, Vyskocil chose to become a citizen of the United States of America. After his honorable discharge from the United States Marine Corp, he became a team member of the Blount County Veterans Affairs Office in November, 2015, and received his VA certification in record time, having completed all steps in the process at the first attempt, and while being employed in the Veterans Affairs Office has assisted hundreds of veterans and their families in receiving numerous benefits; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that all Veterans, and the Veterans Affairs Office staff - Nathan Weinbaum, Donna Hatcher, and Marek Vyskocil, are hereby recognized and honored for their outstanding

contributions and selfless public service not only to the Blount County Veterans, but also to the families of Veterans, and to the citizens of Blount County.

**Duly authorized and approved the 16th day of November, 2017.**

**CERTIFICATION OF ACTION:**

**ATTEST:**

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**Commission Chairman**

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**County Clerk**

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vetoed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**County Mayor**

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**Date**