

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-017**

**Sponsored by Commissioners Steve Mikels and Misty Davis**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BLOUNT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO SUPPORT THE VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE NEED FOR AN ADDITIONAL VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER/OFFICE ASSISTANT.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, in regular session assembled on July 20, 2023:

**WHEREAS**, the Blount County Veterans Affairs Office provides accredited representation to Veterans and their family members with VA benefits and assistance in filing the necessary forms as required by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, the Blount County Veterans Affairs Office aided veterans in Blount County and surrounding counties to acquire \$73,723,000.00 in benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blount County Veterans Affairs Office currently staffed with a Director/Veterans Service Officer (VSO), an Assistant Director Service Officer and an Assistant Service Officer has a need for an additional VSO/Office Assistant position; and

**WHEREAS**, the local VFW post 5154, VFW post 10855, American Legion Post 13, Disabled American Veterans, AmVets Post 22, and Military Order of the Purple Heart are all in agreement that this fourth position would positively impact the Veterans and citizens of Blount County, Tennessee.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED BY THE** Legislative Body of Blount County, Tennessee along with the local VFW post 5154, VFW post 10855, American Legion Post 13, Disabled American Veterans, AmVets Post 22, and Military Order of the Purple Heart to stand in support of the Blount County Veterans Affairs Office need for an additional VSO/Office Assistant, and that their request for a new position be expeditiously reconsidered by the County Mayor and Finance Department staff for funding and approval.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION TAKE EFFECT FROM AND AFTER PASSAGE, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.**

**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