

## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FUNDING FOR OREGON VETERANS

**WHEREAS** Oregon is the proud home of more than 320,000 veterans who have served in five major wars across three generations.

**WHEREAS** The Governor's 2017-19 Recommended Budget proposes cutting general fund support of veterans services by \$10 million.

**WHEREAS** The 2016 Oregon Legislature unanimously referred Ballot Measure 96 to the voters of Oregon; the voters of Oregon voted to pass Ballot Measure 96 with 84 percent of the vote.

**WHEREAS** The "Legislative Argument in Support" statement in the *Official 2016 General Election Voters Pamphlet* included language stating: "In addition to current state funding for veterans, Measure 96 will provide critical support for our veterans..."

**WHEREAS** A reduction in general fund support for Oregon's veterans would not honor the will of the voters.

**WHEREAS** Ballot Measure 96 was a mandate for Oregon to increase funding for veterans to better access their earned benefits such as education, housing, and healthcare.

**WHEREAS** Many of the day to day needs of Oregon's veterans for housing, healthcare, and mental health continue to go unmet and many of our veterans continue to live in the woods, under bridges and in alley ways.

**WHEREAS** Only one in three of our veterans access their earned benefits and two-thirds of our veterans need assistance to effectively access their medical, disability, education and other federally funded benefits.

**WHEREAS** The state's efforts to help more veterans access their earned disability and low income pension benefits also creates a very significant economic multiplier for the local communities in which they live.

**WHEREAS** The current annual federal amount of dollars coming to Oregon is \$1.3 billion (up from approximately \$600 million in 2006) for non-healthcare benefits and \$1.1 billion in health care benefits (up from approximately \$500 million in 2006).

**WHEREAS** The federal funds Oregon is able to access and leverage by maintaining its current level of general funds to support veterans significantly lessens the burden on state and county services.

**WHEREAS** The leaders of Oregon have an obligation to honor the men and women who have served our nation in uniform and to advocate on behalf of veterans.

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:**

We hereby oppose the Governor's 2017-19 Recommended Budget plan to reduce the State of Oregon's general fund support for veterans by \$10 million.

DATED this 12th day of December, 2016.



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Bill Hall  
President, Oregon Association of Counties  
Commissioner, Lincoln County

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KLAMATH COUNTY, OREGON**

**IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORTING                    )  
FUNDING FOR OREGON VETERANS            )**

**RESOLUTION 2017- 014**

**WHEREAS** Klamath County is the proud home of approximately 9,000 veterans who have served across the globe.

**WHEREAS** The Governor's 2017-19 Recommended Budget proposes cutting general fund support of veterans services by \$10 million.

**WHEREAS** The 2016 Oregon Legislature unanimously referred Ballot Measure 96 to the voters of Oregon; the voters of Oregon voted to pass Ballot Measure 96 with 84 percent of the vote.

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**WHEREAS** The leaders of Oregon have an obligation to honor the men and women who have served our nation in uniform and to advocate on behalf of veterans.


**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:**

We hereby oppose the Governor's 2017-19 Recommended Budget plan to reduce the State of Oregon's general fund support for veterans by \$10 million.

**DONE AND DATED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017

**KLAMATH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

  
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Vice-Chair

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
FOR THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORTING            )  
FUNDING FOR OREGON VETERANS        )        Resolution No.     R - 026 - 16    

WHEREAS, Oregon is the proud home of more than 320,000 veterans who have served in five major wars across three generations; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s 2017-19 Recommended Budget proposes cutting general fund support of veterans services by 10 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Oregon Legislature unanimously referred Ballot Measure 96 to the voters of Oregon; the voters of Oregon voted to pass Ballot Measure 96 with 84% of the vote; and

WHEREAS, the “Legislative Argument in Support” statement in the *Official 2016 General Election Voters Pamphlet* included language stating: “In addition to current state funding for veterans, Measure 96 will provide critical support for our veterans...”, and

WHEREAS, a reduction in general fund support for Oregon’s veterans would not honor the will of the voters; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Measure 96 was a mandate for Oregon to increase funding for veterans to better access their earned benefits such as education, housing and healthcare; and

WHEREAS, many of day to day needs of Oregon’s veterans for housing, healthcare, and mental health continued to go unmet and many of our veterans continue to live in the woods, under bridges and in alley ways; and

WHEREAS, only one in three of our veterans access their earned benefits and two-thirds of our veterans need assistance in effectively accessing their medical, disability, education and other federally funded benefits; and

WHEREAS, there is a huge economic advantage to the state for a more robust system that gets more veterans accessing the benefits they have earned and subsequently more dollars circulating in local economies; and

WHEREAS, the current annual federal amount of dollars coming to Oregon is \$1.3 billion (up from approximately \$600 million in 2007) for non-healthcare benefits and \$1.1 billion in health care benefits (up from approximately \$500 million in 2007); and

WHEREAS, the federal funds Oregon is able to access and leverage by maintaining its current level of general funds to support veterans significantly lessens the burden on state and county services; and

WHEREAS, the leaders of Oregon have an obligation to honor the men and women who have served our nation in uniform and to advocate on behalf of veterans.

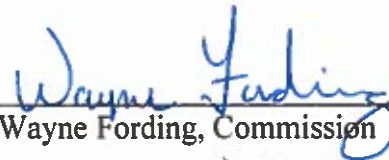
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners hereby oppose the Governor's 2017-19 Recommended Budget plan to reduce the State of Oregon's general fund support for veterans by \$10 million.

DATED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Mae Huston  
Mae Huston, Commission Chair



Wayne Fording  
Wayne Fording, Commission



Mike Ahern  
Mike Ahern, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Barbara Andresen  
Barbara Andresen, Admin. Assistant

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR  
POLK COUNTY, OREGON**

In the Matter of Supporting )  
Funding for Oregon Veterans )

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-02**

**WHEREAS**, Oregon is the proud home of more than 320,000 veterans who have served in five major wars across three generations; and

**WHEREAS**, The Governor's 2017-19 Recommended Budget proposes cutting general fund support of veterans services by \$10 million; and

**WHEREAS**, The 2016 Oregon Legislature unanimously referred Ballot Measure 96 to the voters of Oregon; the voters of Oregon voted to pass Ballot Measure 96 with 84 percent of the vote; and

**WHEREAS**, The "Legislative Argument in Support" statement in the *Official 2016 General Election Voters Pamphlet* included language stating: "In addition to current state funding for veterans, Measure 96 will provide critical support for our veterans..." and

**WHEREAS**, A reduction in general fund support for Oregon's veterans would not honor the will of the voters; and

**WHEREAS** Ballot Measure 96 was a mandate for Oregon to increase funding for veterans to better access their earned benefits such as education, housing, and healthcare.

**WHEREAS** Many of the day to day needs of Oregon's veterans for housing, healthcare, and mental health continue to go unmet and many of our veterans continue to live in the woods, under bridges and in alley ways.

**WHEREAS** Only one in three of our veterans access their earned benefits and two-thirds of our veterans need assistance to effectively access their medical, disability, education and other federally funded benefits.

**WHEREAS** The state's efforts to help more veterans access their earned disability and low income pension benefits also creates a very significant economic multiplier for the local communities in which they live.

**WHEREAS** The current annual federal amount of dollars coming to Oregon is \$1.3 billion (up from approximately \$600 million in 2006) for non-healthcare benefits and \$1.1 billion in health care benefits (up from approximately \$500 million in 2006).

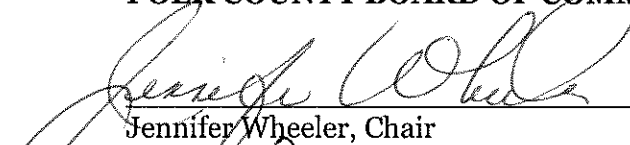
**WHEREAS** The federal funds Oregon is able to access and leverage by maintaining its current level of general funds to support veterans significantly lessens the burden on state and county services.

**WHEREAS** The leaders of Oregon have an obligation to honor the men and women who have served our nation in uniform and to advocate on behalf of veterans.

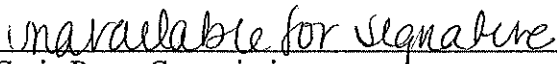
**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Polk County Board of Commissioners oppose the Governor's 2017-19 Recommended Budget plan to reduce the State of Oregon's general fund support for veterans by \$10 million.

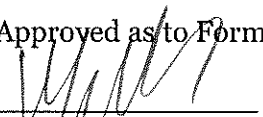
Dated: January 3, 2017 at Dallas, Oregon.

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Wheeler, Chair

  
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Mike Ainsworth, Commissioner

  
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Craig Pope, Commissioner

Approved as to Form:  
  
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Morgan Smith  
County Counsel



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UMATILLA COUNTY RECORDS

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UMATILLA COUNTY

STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Supporting )
Funding for the Veterans of ) Order No. BCC2017-004
Umatilla County and Oregon )

WHEREAS Umatilla County is the proud home of more than 6,000 veterans who have served in five major wars across three generations;

WHEREAS the Governor's 2017-19 Recommended Budget proposes cutting general fund support of veterans services by \$10 million;

WHEREAS the 2016 Oregon Legislature unanimously referred Ballot Measure 96 to the voters of Oregon, and the voters of Oregon voted to pass Ballot Measure 96 with 84 percent of the vote;

WHEREAS the "Legislative Argument in Support" statement in the Official 2016 General Election Voters Pamphlet included language stating: "In addition to current state funding for veterans, Measure 96 will provide critical support for our veterans..."

WHEREAS Ballot Measure 96 was a mandate for Oregon to increase funding for veterans to better access their earned benefits such as education, housing, and healthcare;

WHEREAS a reduction in general fund support for Oregon's veterans would not honor the will of the voters;

WHEREAS many of the day to day needs of Oregon's veterans for housing, healthcare, and mental health continue to go unmet and many of our veterans continue to live in the woods, under bridges and in alley ways.

WHEREAS only one in three of our veterans access their earned benefits and two-thirds of our veterans need assistance to effectively access their medical, disability, education and other federally funded benefits;

WHEREAS the state's efforts to help more veterans access their earned disability and low income pension benefits also creates a very significant economic multiplier for the local communities in which they live;

WHEREAS the current annual federal amount of dollars coming to Oregon is \$1.3 billion (up from approximately \$600 million in 2006) for non-healthcare benefits and \$1.1 billion in health care benefits (up from approximately \$500 million in 2006).

WHEREAS the federal funds Oregon is able to access and leverage by maintaining its current level of general funds to support veterans significantly lessens the burden on state and county services;

WHEREAS the leaders of Oregon have an obligation to honor the men and women who have served our nation in uniform and to advocate on behalf of veterans.

NOW THEREFORE, the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners orders and resolves that we oppose the Governor's 2017-19 Recommended Budget plan to reduce the State of Oregon's general fund support for veterans by \$10 million.

DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2017.

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


  
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W. Lawrence Givens, Chair

  
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William J. Elfering, Commissioner

  
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George L. Murdock, Commissioner



ATTEST:  
OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDS

  
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Records Officer



**FY15 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDX)**

FY15 Summary of Expenditures by State										
Expenditures in \$000s										
County/ Congressional District	Veteran Population*	Total Expenditure	Compensation & Pension	Construction	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty#	General Operating Expenses	Insurance & Indemnities	Medical Care	Unique Patients**
BAKER	1,939	\$ 17,152	\$ 8,969	\$ -	\$ 332	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71	\$ 7,780	858
BENTON	5,960	\$ 31,899	\$ 16,619	\$ -	\$ 4,805	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 766	\$ 9,709	1,260
CLACKAMAS	35,165	\$ 198,847	\$ 97,041	\$ -	\$ 13,523	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,906	\$ 85,377	7,552
CLATSOP	4,278	\$ 30,010	\$ 14,668	\$ -	\$ 1,041	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 455	\$ 13,846	1,185
COLUMBIA	6,004	\$ 43,544	\$ 21,342	\$ -	\$ 1,769	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 203	\$ 20,229	1,691
COOS	8,313	\$ 79,091	\$ 45,099	\$ -	\$ 1,681	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,011	\$ 31,301	2,844
CROOK	2,580	\$ 19,310	\$ 9,752	\$ -	\$ 440	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 84	\$ 9,033	1,097
CURRY	2,939	\$ 31,660	\$ 18,794	\$ -	\$ 249	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 132	\$ 12,486	1,303
DESCHUTES	15,258	\$ 99,902	\$ 54,446	\$ -	\$ 10,545	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,021	\$ 33,890	5,341
DOUGLAS	13,332	\$ 224,117	\$ 101,574	\$ 10,214	\$ 2,928	\$ -	\$ 837	\$ 825	\$ 107,740	6,975
GILLIAM	237	\$ 1,844	\$ 1,011	\$ -	\$ 33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23	\$ 776	80
GRANT	751	\$ 6,032	\$ 3,037	\$ -	\$ 110	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71	\$ 2,814	333
HARNEY	901	\$ 6,198	\$ 3,211	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 73	\$ 2,914	338
HOOD RIVER	1,668	\$ 9,586	\$ 5,545	\$ -	\$ 378	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 193	\$ 3,469	419
JACKSON	20,708	\$ 231,429	\$ 103,363	\$ 2,011	\$ 6,400	\$ -	\$ 2,634	\$ 1,812	\$ 115,209	8,579
JEFFERSON	2,210	\$ 16,720	\$ 9,924	\$ -	\$ 692	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35	\$ 6,069	784
JOSEPHINE	9,579	\$ 91,633	\$ 52,859	\$ -	\$ 2,601	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 602	\$ 35,572	3,781
KLAMATH	6,868	\$ 73,156	\$ 43,193	\$ -	\$ 4,013	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 519	\$ 25,431	3,035
LAKE	895	\$ 8,607	\$ 5,668	\$ -	\$ 237	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27	\$ 2,676	391
LANE	29,986	\$ 247,842	\$ 139,201	\$ -	\$ 16,283	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,452	\$ 89,907	10,379
LINCOLN	5,248	\$ 43,101	\$ 23,340	\$ -	\$ 881	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 330	\$ 18,550	1,816
LINN	12,166	\$ 91,600	\$ 51,877	\$ -	\$ 4,947	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 847	\$ 33,929	3,443
MALHEUR	2,444	\$ 14,505	\$ 6,662	\$ -	\$ 572	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 204	\$ 7,067	668
MARION	24,612	\$ 161,195	\$ 88,318	\$ -	\$ 9,105	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,889	\$ 61,882	6,316
MORROW	1,070	\$ 6,613	\$ 3,215	\$ -	\$ 70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 106	\$ 3,222	325
MULTNOMAH	43,128	\$ 394,885	\$ 132,140	\$ 989	\$ 30,063	\$ -	\$ 33,287	\$ 3,738	\$ 194,667	12,552
POLK	7,452	\$ 43,449	\$ 23,594	\$ -	\$ 2,812	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 337	\$ 16,706	1,708
SHERMAN	282	\$ 1,685	\$ 810	\$ -	\$ 68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 807	89
TILLAMOOK	2,444	\$ 24,140	\$ 13,131	\$ -	\$ 416	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160	\$ 10,432	903
UMATILLA	6,008	\$ 45,445	\$ 23,289	\$ -	\$ 1,375	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 547	\$ 20,233	2,110
UNION	2,488	\$ 20,909	\$ 10,095	\$ -	\$ 819	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 191	\$ 9,803	1,017
WALLOWA	859	\$ 7,030	\$ 3,820	\$ -	\$ 71	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47	\$ 3,092	371
WASCO	3,031	\$ 18,385	\$ 8,849	\$ -	\$ 485	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 131	\$ 8,920	883
WASHINGTON	35,570	\$ 230,344	\$ 107,634	\$ -	\$ 22,796	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,976	\$ 95,938	8,409
WHEELER	220	\$ 1,162	\$ 779	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3	\$ 379	72
YAMHILL	9,746	\$ 54,950	\$ 28,184	\$ -	\$ 3,382	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 549	\$ 22,835	2,054
<b>OREGON (Totals)</b>	<b>326,338</b>	<b>\$ 2,627,979</b>	<b>\$ 1,281,055</b>	<b>\$ 13,213</b>	<b>\$ 145,921</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 36,758</b>	<b>\$ 26,339</b>	<b>\$ 1,124,692</b>	<b>100,961</b>

## FY15 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDx)

FY15 Summary of Expenditures by State										
Expenditures in \$000s										
County/ Congressional District	Veteran Population*	Total Expenditure	Compensation & Pension	Construction	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty#	General Operating Expenses	Insurance & Indemnities	Medical Care	Unique Patients**
CONG. DIST (01)	58,416	\$ 384,230	\$ 185,053	\$ 2	\$ 31,854	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,546	\$ 161,775	14,040
CONG. DIST (02)	76,317	\$ 662,407	\$ 340,350	\$ 2,012	\$ 27,763	\$ -	\$ 2,634	\$ 5,523	\$ 284,126	29,068
CONG. DIST (03)	49,233	\$ 416,364	\$ 142,929	\$ 986	\$ 30,310	\$ -	\$ 33,287	\$ 4,085	\$ 204,767	13,720
CONG. DIST (04)	75,560	\$ 736,206	\$ 388,529	\$ 10,215	\$ 31,978	\$ -	\$ 837	\$ 6,208	\$ 298,439	27,496
CONG. DIST (05)	66,812	\$ 428,771	\$ 224,194	\$ -	\$ 24,016	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,977	\$ 175,584	16,637
<b>OREGON (Totals)</b>	<b>326,338</b>	<b>\$ 2,627,979</b>	<b>\$ 1,281,055</b>	<b>\$ 13,213</b>	<b>\$ 145,921</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 36,758</b>	<b>\$ 26,339</b>	<b>\$ 1,124,692</b>	<b>100,961</b>
<b>Notes:</b>										
* Veteran population estimates, as of September 30, 2015, are produced by the VA Office of the Actuary (VetPop 2014).										
# Prior to FY 08, "Loan Guaranty" expenditures were included in the Education & Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (E&VRE) programs. Currently, all "Loan Guaranty" expenditures are attributed to Travis County, TX, where all Loan Guaranty payments are processed. VA will continue to improve data collection for future GDx reports to better distribute loan expenditures at the state, county and congressional district levels.										
** Unique patients are patients who received treatment at a VA health care facility. Data are provided by the Allocation Resource Center (ARC).										
Expenditure data sources: USASpending.gov for Compensation & Pension (C&P) and Education and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (EVRE) Benefits; Veterans Benefits Administration Insurance Center for the Insurance costs; the VA Financial Management System (FMS) for Construction, Medical Research, General Operating Expenses, and certain C&P and Readjustment data; and the Allocation Resource Center (ARC) for Medical Care costs.										
1. Expenditures are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars. For example, \$500 to \$1,000 are rounded to \$1; \$0 to \$499 are rounded to \$0; and "\$ -" = 0 or no expenditures.										
2. The Compensation & Pension expenditures include dollars for the following programs: veterans' compensation for service-connected disabilities; dependency and indemnity compensation for service-connected deaths; veterans' pension for nonservice-connected disabilities; and burial and other benefits to veterans and their survivors.										
3. Medical Care expenditures include dollars for medical services, medical administration, facility maintenance, educational support, research support, and other overhead items. Medical Care expenditures do not include dollars for construction or other non-medical support.										
4. Medical Care expenditures are allocated to the patient's home location, not the site of care.										