RESOLUTION **NO:** **2018-02-022**

LIVINGSTON COUNTY **DATE:** **February 5, 2018**

Resolution in Support of Hosting the "The Wall that Heals", a Traveling Memorial Honoring Veterans of the Vietnam War

WHEREAS, the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 125 & Auxiliary have proudly announced that "The Wall that Heals", a traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., will be hosted at Livingston County Spencer J. Hardy Airport, August 23rd to August 28th 2018; and

WHEREAS, since its dedication, "The Wall that Heals" has helped spread the Memorial's legacy through its display at nearly 600 communities throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, this display of "The Wall that Heals" is the only Michigan location scheduled in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the traveling wall is meant to serve as a reminder of the ultimate sacrifices made during the Vietnam War and bring the opportunity to view the memorial to people who may not be able to travel to our nation's capital; and

WHEREAS, as of Memorial Day 2017, the traveling Memorial has 58,318 names listed on it, as does the original Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the trailer that carries "The Wall that Heals" is a mobile education center with exhibits telling the story of the Vietnam War, the Wall and the era surrounding the conflict, and are designed to put the American experience in Vietnam in a historical and cultural context; and

WHEREAS, thousands of visitors are expected to view the Memorial Wall during its stop in Livingston County.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners officially welcomes the opportunity to display this important tribute to the men and women who gave their lives in service during the Vietnam War and extends sincere appreciation for the efforts of those who worked to bring this display to the County

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby encourages all its citizens to view the Memorial during its time in Livingston County and to consider volunteering to work with organizers during the visit.

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MOVED: Commissioner Lawrence

SECONDED: Commissioner Bezotte

CARRIED: 8 yes; 0 no; 1 absent