

OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'

RESOLUTION 1 - 2021

*A resolution amending County Commissioner Resolution 87-91
Veterans Advisory Board membership eligibility*

WHEREAS, RCW 73.08.035 provides the legislative authority for each county to establish a veteran's advisory board who shall advise the county legislative authority on the needs of local indigent veterans, the resources available, and programs that benefit the needs of local veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, representatives must be from either local branches of nationally recognized veterans' service organizations or the veterans' community at large or both to serve on the board and shall be no fewer than a majority of the board members from nationally recognized veterans' service organizations that are veterans to serve as board members; and

WHEREAS, Okanogan County Veterans Advisory Board was created via Resolution 87-91 for the purpose of administering relief to indigent veterans and their families, setting board membership representation from every Post or Chapter from Nationally Chartered veterans organizations located in Okanogan County, and setting the Veterans' Advisory Board to review, recommend approval or denial of payment of requests for assistance from the Veterans' Relief Fund 101 of Okanogan County; and

WHEREAS, members of the Veterans Advisory Board met with the Board of County Commissioners on December 28, 2020 and discussed membership changes to the Veterans Advisory Board By Laws that would allow for representation from veterans' community at large rather than solely from every Post or Chapter from Nationally Chartered veterans organization located in Okanogan County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED. Resolution 87-91 is hereby amended to allow, per RCW 73.08.035, representatives from either local branches of nationally recognized veterans' service organizations or the veterans' community at large or both to serve on the board and shall be no fewer than a majority of the board members from nationally recognized veterans' service organizations that are veterans to serve as board members; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, membership shall be limited to up to seven (7) members who must reside in Okanogan County and be discharged under other-than-dishonorable conditions and should represent the following areas: Oroville, Tonasket, Methow Valley, Brewster, Pateros, Omak, Okanogan, and Nespelem.

DATED at Okanogan, Washington this 5th day of January, 2021.

ATTEST:



Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board




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OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON**



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