

## RESOLUTION

**Resolution: Supporting restoration of adequate funding to the Ohio Veterans' Home.**

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**WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County is home to approximately 140,000 veterans.**

**WHEREAS, these 140,000 veterans have bravely and proudly served their country in conflicts ranging from World War II to the Korean, Vietnam and Gulf Wars.**

**WHEREAS, Section 5907.01 of the Ohio Revised Code provides for the establishment of an Ohio Veterans Home. The only home operating currently is located in Sandusky, Ohio and has been serving veterans for over one hundred years.**

**WHEREAS, the Home presently houses approximately 648 Ohio veterans who are elderly, infirm, disabled and otherwise incapable of earning a living.**

**WHEREAS, 240 of the Home's residents are residents of Cuyahoga County.**

**WHEREAS, within this facility, there exist standard nursing care units which provide around-the-clock nursing care. For these units, there is customarily a waiting list of approximately 136 veterans and waits for bed space are frequently over a year in duration.**

**AND WHEREAS, the Home's funding problems were intensified when the Governor of the State of Ohio announced that the already under funded Home would see further budget reductions of 2.5% to be felt immediately. This budget also calls for an additional \$1 million reduction in 2004, and another 3.3% cut in 2005.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, join with the Cuyahoga County Veterans' Service Commission to call on State officials to restore the cuts made to the Ohio Veteran's Home budget, and to hold the Home harmless in the next biennium.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Robert Taft, Governor, State of Ohio; each member of the Cuyahoga County delegation in the Ohio Senate and Ohio House of Representatives; one copy to Daniel T. Weist, President, Veterans Service Commission and one copy to Kimberley Gallek, Communications Coordinator, Administrator's Office/Health & Human Services.**

**On Motion of Commissioner McCormack, seconded by Commissioner Jones,  
the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.**

**Ayes: McCormack, Jones, Dimora.**

**Nays: None.**

**Resolution Adopted.**

**Penelope M. Hughes,  
Clerk of the Board pro tem**

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