

GLADWIN COUNTY
RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE MODIFICATION OF ACT 214 OF 1899
GLADWIN COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Resolution # 2023-011

WHEREAS, A veterans service program established at the county level of government is essential to the citizens of the State of Michigan;

WHEREAS, it is statutorily mandated for the county board of commissioners of each county to levy a millage of up to 1/10th of a mill (2/10th of a mill in emergencies) to fund the County Veterans Relief Fund per 1899 Public Act 214 (MCL 35.21 et seq.) with the intent to provide financial relief to honorably discharged indigent veterans who served during a period of war;

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature last amended 1899 Public Act 214 on February 29, 1944;

WHEREAS, the restrictive language in 1899 Public Act 214 prevents the county level of government from providing relief under that Act to many of the indigent veterans in our local communities;

WHEREAS, a veteran is defined as a "person who served in the active military, naval, air, or space service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable" per Title 38 of the U.S. Code,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gladwin County Veterans Affairs Committee requests that the Michigan Legislature amend 1899 Public Act 214 to include providing relief to all indigent veterans who were discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable, including those who did not serve during a period of war, in order to better serve indigent veterans as defined under Title 38 of the U.S. Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Gladwin County Veterans Affairs Committee requests that the Michigan Legislature amend 1899 Public Act 214 to also include providing relief to all indigent veterans that served in the Reserves and National Guard and who were discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

I, the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Gladwin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on March 28, 2023, and that notice of said meeting was given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Visnaw	Yea	Commissioner Moore	Yea
Commissioner Taylor	Yea	Commissioner Grove	Yea
Commissioner O'Donnell	Yea		




Julie Jackson, Chief Deputy Clerk



Karen Moore, Gladwin BOC Chair

03/28/2023

Date



Kenneth Roberts, Veterans Affairs Director