

**Joint Executive Council of Veterans
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RESOLUTION

Whereas, the twenty-three Veteran Service Organizations represented by the Joint Executive Council of Veterans Organizations of Kentucky (JECVO) provide important and vital services to Kentucky's 295,000 veterans and their families and do so through posts and chapters in every county of the state; and

Whereas, these posts/chapters expend thousands of dollars each year in support of charitable events and important civic programs, each providing significant and lasting benefit to communities throughout the state; and

Whereas, the financial viability of these posts/chapters are threatened by increased property taxation which may result in their closing, thereby denying veterans and their families proximity access to important services and cause communities to lose critical support for many charitable endeavors; and

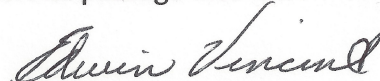
Whereas, the stability of veteran posts/chapters have been further threatened by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, the elimination of state and local taxes on property owned by Veteran Service Organizations would enhance their ability to continue this valuable service to veterans and their families as well as communities; and

Whereas, thirty-one other states specifically recognize Veteran Service Organizations as exempt from property tax,

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE JOINT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS OF KENTUCKY, THIS 7th DAY OF OCTOBER 2020:

The Joint Executive Council of Veteran Organizations of Kentucky strongly endorses the prefiled bill (BR 153) by Rep. Koch which would relieve deserving Veteran Service Organizations of property tax when their annual charitable contributions qualify them as "purely public charities" and urge members of the Kentucky General Assembly to support its passage into law.



Edwin Vincent
Chairman