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## **Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners Passes Resolution Honoring Military and Veteran Caregivers**

*Resolution Praises Caregivers for Their Tireless Work,  
Renews Commitment to Support Their Effort*

KALAMAZOO, MI — The Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday unanimously approved a resolution to support military and veteran caregivers. The board resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Michael Seals, a Navy veteran.

“As a veteran of the U.S. Navy, I have seen firsthand the tireless — and sometimes thankless — work caregivers provide to our retired and, or disabled military veterans,” Seals said. “This resolution is our way of saying ‘thank you’ to those who care for the men and women who have bravely served our country.”

As part of the resolution, Kalamazoo County is now officially a [Hidden Heroes](#) County. The campaign was founded by the Elizabeth Dole Foundation to highlight the important work military caregivers do every day, and to find solutions for the challenges they face — which can include physical, emotional and mental stress.

Hidden Heroes seeks to:

- Raise awareness of the issues military caregivers confront every day
- Inspire individuals, businesses, communities, and civic, faith and government leaders to take action in supporting military caregivers in their communities
- Establish a national registry, encouraging military caregivers to register at [HiddenHeroes.org](#) to better connect them to helpful resources and support

“We’re proud to make Kalamazoo County a Hidden Heroes County and show our military and veteran caregivers we appreciate the work they do.” said Tracie Moored, Kalamazoo County Administrator.

According to the U.S Department of Veteran Affairs, there are more than 589,000 veterans living in Michigan. As many as 14,000 military veterans live in Kalamazoo County.

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