



Dakota County

Legislation Text

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DEPARTMENT: Veterans Services

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TITLE

Authorization To Enter Into A Joint Powers Agreement With State Of Minnesota, Acting Through Its Commissioner Of Minnesota Department Of Veterans Affairs, For Transportation Services To Veteran Affairs Medical Center In Minneapolis

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Hastings Veterans Home, owned and operated by the Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs (MDVA), is a 179-bed domiciliary care facility for honorably discharged veterans and their spouses, located in Hastings, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Hastings Veterans Home provides residents twice daily round-trip van rides from the Hastings Veterans Home to the Minneapolis VA Medical Center (VAMC) for those who need additional medical and dental care at the VAMC; and

WHEREAS, the relationship and respective responsibilities between the Dakota County Veteran Services Office and the MDVA have been positive and long-standing through a JPA arrangement; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to execute a JPA between the Dakota County Veteran Services Office and the MDVA for the purpose of providing free transportation services for Dakota County veterans who do not reside at the Hastings Veterans Home, and to allow increased access for veterans utilizing the VAMC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a joint powers agreement between the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs and Dakota County Veterans Services Office for the purpose of providing free transportation services for Dakota County veterans who do not reside at the Hastings Veterans Home, and to allow increased access for veterans utilizing the Minneapolis VA Medical Center through August 14, 2023, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.