

# TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Resolution Honoring Mark Zmierski

2025 - 07

**Whereas**, Mark Zmierski is retiring from the Tuscola County Veterans Affairs Office after providing 10 years of dedicated service to the Tuscola County Veterans; and

**Whereas**, Mark was born and raised in Cass City, graduating from Cass City High School in 1980 then started his active duty with the US Navy in August of 1980 and was honorably discharged from the US Navy in 1984. In August of 1988 Mark was recalled to active duty in the Navy until his retirement on September 30, 2006, as a Senior Chief; and

**Whereas**, In October 1987 Mark started as a Veterans Service Officer until recalled to active duty in the US Navy in August of 1988. In the spring of 2007, Mark graduated from Exceisior College with a bachelor's degree in business management. Mark worked for the Village of Cass City as the Code Enforcement Officer from 2006-2008 and for the Rail America Railroad as a Logistics Support Specialist from 2008-2015; and

**Whereas**, Mark started as a Veterans Service Officer at Tuscola County Veterans Affairs in May of 2015 until promoted to Director of Tuscola County Veterans Affairs on October 1, 2015. After a Veterans millage was generously passed by Tuscola County voters in 2015 which started in January of 2016; and

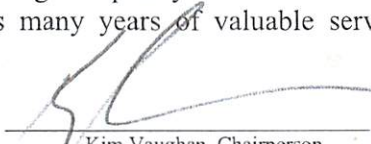
**Whereas**, Mark has helped grow the County's Veterans office to 3 full-time employees. He has increased the number of Veterans signed up in Tuscola County for VA healthcare from 20% to 44%; and

**Whereas**, Mark has worked with the Caro American Legion Post 7 in planning three 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vietnam War Commemorations, recognized the 20 Vietnam War Gold Star families and also is helping to bring the Moving Wall back to Caro at the end of June 2025; and

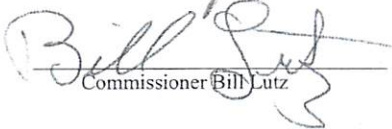
**Whereas**, Mark has helped expand the number of volunteer drivers to transport over 40 of our aging Veterans to their monthly VA medical appointments. Along with the VA, also has started issuing the US Veteran flag holders and the 12x18 American flags to the townships across the county. Annually, there are over 8,000 flags issued for placement in the US Veterans flag holders in our cemeteries.; and

**Whereas**, Mark is the co-founder of the Vet2Vet group which gathers monthly in Mayville at the Veterans You are Not Forgotten Pavilion. Mark has been formally recognized as being the best director of a county Veterans Affairs Office in Michigan; and

**Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that on behalf of the residents of Tuscola County, and the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, we take this opportunity to commend Mark Zmierski for his tremendous contributions and for so profoundly improving the quality of life for so many Veterans of our county while contributing to the prosperity of our county during his many years of valuable service to Tuscola County and we wish Mark many enjoyable years of retirement.

  
Kim Vaughan, Chairperson

  
Thomas Bardwell, Vice Chairperson

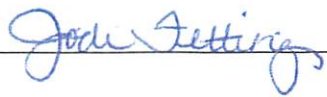
  
Commissioner Bill Lutz

  
Commissioner Matthew Koch

  
Commissioner John Goodchild

I, Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at its meeting on May 29, 2025.

Date May 29, 2025

  
Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, MCCO