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VFW-Department of Wisconsin “Green Alert” Adopted by National Organization

Madison, WI- On July 23rd at its 119th Annual Convention held in Kansas City, MO, the national membership of the Veterans of Foreign Wars adopted a resolution encouraging all of its departments to seek creation of a Green Alert System in their respective states.

ACT 175 was enacted in Wisconsin on March 28th of this year after extensive lobbying efforts by the VFW-Department of Wisconsin legislative team. The “Corey Adams Searchlight Act” created a first of its kind Green Alert system in Wisconsin to locate missing veterans who have a physical or mental health condition related to their service and puts them at-risk.

The VFW-Department of Wisconsin was proud to take the resolution to the national convention and the effect of its adoption is that the VFW of the United States of America supports the creation of a Green Alert System in each state across the land.

“Corey Adams was a life member of the VFW, as is his father and I was extremely glad to see our comrades from around the country support this resolution” says Gundel Metz, state commander for the VFW-Department of Wisconsin.

Jason Johns, state junior vice-commander for the VFW-Department of Wisconsin further adds “Now that we have the endorsement of our VFW brothers and sisters across the nation we are excited to take our success here in Wisconsin to other state legislatures across the country. The Green Alert system works. It has already led to the safe return of a veteran who went missing from the Tomah VA in June and we could not be happier.”

The VFW-Department of Wisconsin wishes to once again express its gratitude to ACT 175’s across the aisle support by our state legislature which was reflected in the bi-partisan lead co-authors: Senators Patrick Testin (R)-Stevens Point, LaTonya Johnson (D)-Milwaukee, Representative Joel Kleefisch (R)-Oconomowoc and Representative Evan Goyke (D)-Milwaukee, and Governor Walker for his expedient signing of this initiative in to law.