

RESOLUTION 2016-69

**Expansion Of Benefits In The Wisconsin G.I. Bill  
For Spouses And Children Of Veterans With  
A Service-Connected Disability Rating  
Of At Least 30 Percent**

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 40 (AB 40) or the Governor's Executive Budget Bill for 2013-2015 expands residency eligibility for veterans to use the Wisconsin G.I. Bill Tuition and Remission Program; and

WHEREAS, AB 40 now provides that eligible veterans must have been a Wisconsin resident at the time they entered the armed forces or be a Wisconsin resident for at least five consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, the qualified spouses, unremarried surviving spouses and children of veterans, who have been awarded at least a 30 percent service-connected disability rating by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and who were Wisconsin residents at the time they entered the armed forces, are eligible for the Wisconsin G.I. Bill Tuition and Remission Program; and

WHEREAS, the qualified spouses, unremarried surviving spouses and children of veterans, who have been awarded at least a 30 percent service-connected disability rating by VA and who have been a Wisconsin residents for at least five consecutive years, are *not* eligible for the Wisconsin G.I. Bill Tuition and Remission Program;  
NOW

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that DAV, Department of Wisconsin in State Convention assembled in Green Bay, Wisconsin, June 9-11, 2016, supports the expansion of eligibility in the Wisconsin G.I. Bill Tuition and Remission Program to qualified spouses, unremarried surviving spouses and children of veterans who has been awarded at least 30 percent service-connected disability rating by VA and who have been a Wisconsin resident for at least five consecutive.