

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-30
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NEWCASTLE WYOMING VETERANS
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE IN ITS APPLICATION FOR AMERICA 250 SEMI
QUINCENTENNIAL GRANT FUNDS TO HOST THE TRAVELING VIETNAM WAR
MEMORIAL IN WESTON COUNTY IN 2026

WHEREAS the United States of America will commemorate its 250th anniversary in 2026, marking a significant milestone in the nation's history and presenting an opportunity to honor the service and sacrifice of generations of Americans who have defended the nation's ideals; and

WHEREAS the Traveling Vietnam War Memorial is a nationally recognized commemorative exhibit that honors all who served and sacrificed during the Vietnam War, including the many brave citizens of Wyoming who answered their country's call; and

WHEREAS the Newcastle Wyoming Veterans Memorial Committee has proposed to host the Traveling Vietnam War Memorial in the summer of 2026 at the intersection of U.S. Highways 16 and 85, a high-visibility location that will allow residents, visitors, and travelers to meaningfully engage with the exhibit; and

WHEREAS hosting the Traveling Vietnam War Memorial aligns directly with the themes and objectives of the America 250 semi quincentennial commemoration by honoring Wyoming's unique contributions to national heritage, strengthening civic pride, and providing valuable educational opportunities for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS this project will also support the community's effort to establish a permanent Veterans Memorial in Newcastle, raising public awareness of the initiative and recognizing the service of Wyoming veterans in a lasting and highly visible manner; and

WHEREAS the installation of the Traveling Vietnam War Memorial is expected to provide measurable economic benefit to Weston County by drawing regional travelers from the Black Hills and beyond into Newcastle to dine, shop, and participate in community activities; and

WHEREAS the project is being planned in coordination with veteran's organizations, civic groups, and local institutions to ensure accessibility, broad participation, and full compliance with the requirements of the Wyoming America 250 Semi quincentennial Grant Program; and

WHEREAS the Weston County Commission recognizes the significant cultural, educational, and economic value of this project and supports the efforts of the Newcastle Wyoming Veterans Memorial Committee to apply for state funding to support the installation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Weston County Commission hereby formally endorses the proposal to host the Traveling Vietnam War Memorial in Newcastle in 2026 and supports the submission of the America 250 Semi quincentennial Grant application to the Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources.

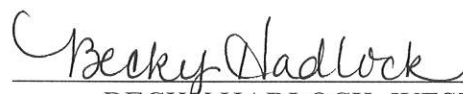
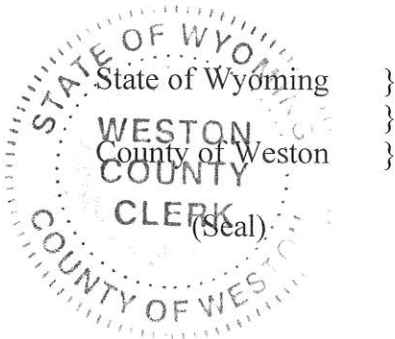
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Weston County Commission authorizes the Newcastle Wyoming Veterans Memorial Committee to include this resolution as part of its official grant application materials.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th day of December 2025.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING**



Chairman



BECKY HADLOCK, WESTON COUNTY CLERK

My term of office expires January 1, 2027