

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: 07-6-C
SUBMITTED BY: VA & R Committee
SUBJECT: Mileage Reimbursement for VA & R Field Staff DVSO's

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, The VA & R Field Service Officers are required to provide dependable transportation to perform their work related duties. This includes owning and maintaining the vehicle, licensing, and providing high rate insurance due to the nature of its use; and
- WHEREAS, Automobile expense is a significant ordinary and necessary expense for the Field Staff DVSO's. Today the biggest auto expense is depreciation in addition to required maintenance and repair, tire replacement costs, and gasoline currently costing between \$3.00 and \$4.00 per gallon; and
- WHEREAS, Today, the actual cost of operating and maintaining a vehicle is higher than the current IRS allowed reimbursement rate; and
- WHEREAS, The automobile mileage expense is an indirect expense for the VA & R Division of The American Legion; Department of Michigan; and
- WHEREAS, The field staff DVSO's are our representatives on the front lines, the primary workers of our organization. Their performance contributes greatly to the results that bring Federal money into this State of Michigan, as well as the funds allocated by the Michigan Legislature; and
- WHEREAS, To cite an example, if the DVSO's average driving is 30,000 miles per year, and are presently being reimbursed four (4) cents per mile under the IRS rate of 48.5 cents per mile, that adds up to a \$1,200.00 shortage of their expense reimbursement annually and they are being unduly penalized while they represent us in support of our great organization; and

WHEREAS,

The field staff DVSO's presently are required to partially fund every mile driven in performance of their jobs due to the current reimbursement rate of 44.5 cents per mile traveled; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED,

By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Convention assembled in Dearborn, Michigan, June 14-17, 2007, That the Department Finance/Personnel Committee allow the current IRS rate (which is presently 48.5 cents) per mile traveled by the field staff DVSO's in performance of their required duties, in compliance with the approved Department of Michigan policy.