

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: **16-4-W**
SUBMITTED BY: Department Finance Committee
SUBJECT: Increase in Department of Michigan Per Capita Dues

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WHEREAS, The Department organization promotes programs such as Veterans Assistance and Rehabilitation, Boys State, Student Trooper, Oratorical and other youth programs within The American Legion to gain and increase membership; and

WHEREAS, The Department organization membership has declined since 2007, resulting in a loss in dues revenue; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Michigan has a total projected deficit of \$324,000 for fiscal year 2016; and

WHEREAS, The State of Michigan has already projected a 3% cut in the State budget, which could result in a decrease in veteran service grants; and

WHEREAS, The Department per capita dues has remained constant at \$16.00 since 2007, although our nation has experienced a cumulative inflation rate of 13% during that time, and inflation continues to erode the value of the dollar; and

WHEREAS, The Department Finance Committee of The American Legion recommends that a per capita dues increase is necessary in membership year 2016-2017 to ensure solvency for the Department of Michigan and, in the absence of a Department per capita dues increase, the Departmental organization will be forced to drastically curtail some of its traditional and long-standing programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Winter Meeting assembled in Flint, Michigan, February 13-14, 2016, That the Department Executive Committee hereby recommends to the 2016 Department Convention that the Department per capita dues be increased \$5.00, beginning July 1, 2016; and, be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Department of Michigan notify all Districts and Posts by all means necessary to notify them of this dues increase.