

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: 7-F-12

SUBMITTED BY: Department of Michigan Boys State Committee

SUBJECT: Incorporation of Michigan American Legion Boys State as a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Corporation

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WHEREAS, The American Legion is an organization of war veterans who have dedicated themselves "to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Boys State Program is a premier national civic leadership program that carries out this purpose; and

WHEREAS, Being a 501(c)3 will allow the Michigan American Legion Boys State Program to apply for grants and solicit funds from outside resources, i.e., corporations and foundations, that will supplement the costs of the Department of Michigan, allow Boys State to increase and enhance its program, and increase its marketing capability;

WHEREAS, The incorporation fee will be a one time line item in the Boys State budget to not exceed \$2000 to pay the incorporation fee to the State of Michigan of \$20, and the filing fee with the IRS of \$850, with the remaining funds available for attorney and CPA fees to complete the filings (State Incorporation forms will be completed pro bono);

WHEREAS, The 501(c)3 Board of Directors will be the Boys State Committee with Alternates, SAL representative, and three (3) Past Department Commanders\*\*, with the current Department Commander Ex-Officio and Department Adjutant as the Resident Agent; now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED,

By The American Legion, Department of Michigan that The American Legion, Department of Michigan, does accept that Michigan American Legion Boys State be incorporated as a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation.

\*\* Suggested Board of Directors: The first 501(c)3 Board of Directors will be the Boys State Committee and Alternates, SAL representative, and three (3) Past Department Commanders, with the current Department Commander ex-officio and Department Adjutant as the Resident Agent. The Chairperson of the Board will be elected by the members of the Board with the approval of the Department Commander. The Board will serve staggering four (4) year terms. The first Board will have 3 members serving a one year term (1 regular member, 1 alternate, 1 Past commander); 3 members serving a two year term (1 regular member, 1 alternate, and 1 Past Commander); 3 members serving a three year term (1 regular, 1 SAL representative, and 1 Past Commander); and 2 members serving a 4 year term (2 regular members). This format will provide continuity to the Boys State Program. At the end of a Board Member's term, they may be reappointed to another four year term, even if they are not on the Boys State Committee. After the first rotation of the Board, all appointments would be for four (4) years. Any Board Member may be removed for due cause.

**The first Board rotation would be as follows:**

Terms	Members	At End of Term
1 year	1 regular Member 1 Alternate Member 1 Past Dept Commander	May be reappointed to a 4 year term
2 years	1 regular Member 1 Alternate Member 1 Past Dept Commander	May be reappointed to a 4 year term
3 years	1 regular Member 1 SAL Member 1 Past Dept Commander	May be reappointed to a 4 year term
4 years	2 Regular Members	May be reappointed to a 4 year term