

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: **C-16-8**

SUBMITTED BY: 9<sup>th</sup> District

SUBJECT: **Opposition to Amendments to “Michigan Veterans Trust Fund”**

WHEREAS, The American Legion is an organization of war veterans who have dedicated themselves to the well-being of all American military service veterans; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Michigan encompasses nearly 400 local posts and represents approximately 70,000 wartime service veteran members and, by extension, every military service veteran in the state of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 4642 in the Michigan legislature calls for amending the “Veterans Trust Fund Act” of 1946. The Department of Michigan approved Resolution 16-3-W, at Winter Conference, in opposition to passage of this legislation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of the membership of The American Legion, Department of Michigan, that some of the proposals identified in this legislation may be supported by the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, The membership of The American Legion, Department of Michigan, has already identified itself as being opposed to these changes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Department of Michigan continue opposition for any changes to be adopted not only by the Michigan legislature but also by the Board of Trustees; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Convention, assembled in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan, June 24-26, 2016, That The American Legion, Department of Michigan, express to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs in the State legislature, the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund, the Director of Michigan Veterans Affairs, and to all members of the Michigan legislature our opposition to any currently proposed changes contained in HB 4642, or otherwise promulgated without review.