

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

Resolution Number: #20-13

Submitted By: The American Legion, Department of Michigan

Subject: **Cancellation of 2020-2021 In Person Department Meetings**

WHEREAS, The United States of America, and the world in general, are currently experiencing a pandemic associated with the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19); therefore, causing communities, cities, states and the federal government to enact unprecedented emergency actions in order to contain and combat the impact and risks of spreading COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Upon the recommendations of the United States President, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Governor of Michigan and World Health Organization (WHO), the emergency actions taken include, but are not limited to, restriction of mass gathering sizes, restrictions on unnecessary travel, closure of public gathering spaces, implementation of “social distancing” guidelines and an overall emphasis on personal hygiene and virus/germ abatement actions; and

WHEREAS, Governor Whitmer has declared a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, Under Executive Order 2020-4, the State of Emergency is to continue until any effects of the emergency conditions no longer exist; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the State of Michigan is restricting the number of people that can gather indoors for meetings; and

WHEREAS, These restrictions make it impossible for The American Legion, Department of Michigan to hold in person meetings; and

WHEREAS, A gathering of the members of The American Legion, Department of Michigan would be in conflict with the imposed restrictions set by local, state and federal authorities and, therefore, place our members at an unnecessary health, safety and medical risk; and

WHEREAS, The Advisory Committee to the Department Commander has thoroughly discussed the situation, weighed all options, and determined that the course of action herein recommended is the correct and prudent course for The American Legion, Department of Michigan at this time; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That The American Legion, Department of Michigan, assembled via video conference on August 21, 2020, does acknowledge that due to the uncertainty of the duration of the disease known as Coronavirus (COVID-19), the numerous government regulations being enforced to contain it and concern for the safety of all members of the American Legion family, The American Legion, Department of Michigan Department Executive Committee agrees that present circumstances constitute sufficient reasons to authorize the cancellation of in person meetings by the Department Commander when it is apparent that the scheduled in person meeting is not feasible during the 2020-2021 Legion year, until the current Executive Orders expire or are lifted

or the total number of people allowed to gather for meetings is increased by the State of Michigan to a sufficient number to allow in person meetings; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That due to numerous health and safety reasons and needs of our members, The American Legion, Department of Michigan Department Executive Committee strongly urges that the Detachment of Michigan Sons of The American Legion and the Department of Michigan American Legion Auxiliary follow a similar course of action until the current Executive Orders expire, are lifted, or the total number of people allowed to gather for meetings is increased by the State of Michigan to a sufficient number to allow in person meetings.

ADOPTED