

**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION:      #21-10**

**SUBMITTED BY:    Department Judge Advocate Brett Holt**

**SUBJECT:           Authorization to Conduct a 2021 Virtual Department of Michigan Convention**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** Per Article V, Section 4, of The American Legion Department of Michigan Constitution and Bylaws, revised, There shall be one regular annual Department Convention which shall be the executive, legislative, and judicial body of the Department organization and there may be special conventions called as hereinafter provided; and

**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Michigan, Article XI, Sections 1-9, gives explicit instructions to the number of conventions, the timing of conventions and the procedures for the convention; and

**WHEREAS,** Per Article XI, Section 5, the Annual Convention shall make its own Rules of Procedure but, in the absence of such action, the rules shall be the same as prescribed by "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised". The Convention shall organize, form its committees, and transact all of the business of the Department, which shall properly come before it for action; and

**WHEREAS,** Per Article XI, Section 7, A quorum shall exist at the Annual Department Convention when a majority of the Department officers and 15% of the Posts of the Department are either fully or partially represented; and

**WHEREAS,** Per Article XI, Section 8, The Department Executive Committee shall provide a Uniform Code of Procedure for the orderly organization and operation of Department Conventions with continuing power of revision and said Code shall be applicable at all Department Conventions unless it is amended, suspended, or repealed by majority vote of the total authorized representation at a Department Convention; and

**WHEREAS,** A pandemic has been declared by the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** The State of Michigan has limited the number of individuals that may gather at any one time; and

**WHEREAS,** A virtual Department Convention may be necessary to conduct Department business; and

