

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

**RESOLUTION:**        #21-18  
**SUBMITTED BY:**    8<sup>th</sup> District  
**SUBJECT:**            Endorsement of Brett E. Holt for National Commander

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** Brett E. Holt has been an active member of The American Legion, Department of Michigan for twenty-two (22) years, while belonging to Post 165 Midland, 314 Shields and 439 Saginaw, and became eligible for The American Legion by his service in the U.S. Navy from 1983-1994; and

**WHEREAS,** Brett served as the first Commander of Shields Post 314 after its founding in 2003 and served as Commander for seven (7) years; and

**WHEREAS,** Brett served as Adjutant for Post 439; and

**WHEREAS,** Brett is a 2006 graduate of the National Legion College; and

**WHEREAS,** While at National Legion College, Brett wrote a resolution to include captioning at all National Conventions; and

**WHEREAS,** Brett served as the 8<sup>th</sup> District 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander in 2008-2009 and Commander and a member of the Department Executive Committee in 2009-2010 and 2010-2011; and

**WHEREAS,** Brett has also served on the District Finance Committee, as District Adjutant, and several other District positions; and

**WHEREAS,** Brett, being very active in the Department of Michigan, served on the Economic Committee, serving as Chairman of the committee for two (2) years, Membership Committee, serving as DMS Coordinator and Membership Chairman while finishing in 10<sup>th</sup> place for membership percentage nationally, and currently serves as Chairman of the Redistricting Committee, is a member of Permanent Time and Place/Resolutions Committee, and as Department Judge Advocate; and

**WHEREAS,** Brett was elected Department Vice Commander in 2012-2013, serving as Chairman of the Vice Commanders; and

**WHEREAS,** Brett was elected Department Commander in 2017-2018 and also served on the Michigan's Commanders Group; and

**WHEREAS**, Brett has served on the National VA & R Committee and Health Administration Committee since 2006-2007 and was vocal at the meetings about the need for a chat feature on the National Suicide Hotline. He has attended thirteen (13) National Conventions, only missing the 2020 Convention that was cancelled due to Covid-19, and has attended many Fall, Spring and Washington D.C. calls; and

**WHEREAS**, Brett has assisted in legislative lobbying on many occasions in Lansing, MI and Washington D.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, Brett is a Dual Member, gaining his eligibility in the Sons of The American Legion through his father's service in the United States Air Force during the Korean War; and

**WHEREAS**, Outside of The American Legion, Brett has held appointments from three (3) Michigan governors; Governor Engler from 2002-2006 on the Michigan Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Governor Granholm from 2006-2010 on the same commission, and Governor Snyder from 2010-2014 on the Barrier Free Design Board, after which he was term limited out of office; and

**WHEREAS**, Brett has served as an advisor on Americans with Disabilities matters for the Department of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Convention assembled in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, July 9-11, 2021, That The American Legion, Department of Michigan, endorse Brett E. Holt for the Office of National Commander; and, be it

**FINALLY RESOLVED**, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the National Headquarters of The American Legion.

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