Resolution Number:  #8-2019
Submitted By:  Internal Affairs Committee
Subject:  Michigan American Legion Riders

WHEREAS, The American Legion Riders (ALR) was established in 1993 as a Post level activity at the Garden City American Legion Post 396, Department of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, There are more than 1,200 ALR groups at the Post, District and Department levels whose membership consists of members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary and The Sons of the American Legion who share a common interest in motorcycle ownership and pleasure in riding for veterans causes; and

WHEREAS, In April, 2007, an Ad-Hoc Committee, appointed by the National Commander, met in Indianapolis to discuss the future of the ALR as a program based on guidelines developed by the Internal Affairs Commission in 2003; and

WHEREAS, These guidelines, which were validated with minor additions by the Ad-Hoc Committee, were adopted by the National Executive Committee in Indianapolis, Indiana, in October 2007; and

WHEREAS, Guideline #5 states all ALR Chapters shall avoid perception of being a motorcycle club or biker club; and

WHEREAS, The leaders of motorcycle clubs are called Presidents and Vice Presidents, and:

WHEREAS, The Bylaws of ALR groups say the heads of ALR Chapters are called Director and Assistant Director; and

WHEREAS, Some newly elected Directors in the Department of Michigan want to change their Bylaws to read President and Vice President; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in Annual Department Fall Conference assembled in Muskegon, Michigan, September 21-23, 2018, That The American Legion, Department of Michigan, adopt the titles of Director and Assistant Director for all Michigan American Legion Riders Chapters.