

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: **#19-F-30**

SUBMITTED BY: Steve Striggow, Immediate Past Commander, Department of Michigan
Department Executive Committee

SUBJECT: **Creation of Department First and Second Vice Commanders**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Currently, in the Department of Michigan, there does not exist a First and Second Vice Commander; and

WHEREAS, Posts and Districts promote and utilize First and Second Vice Commanders to allow future Commanders and leadership the ability to learn and gain knowledge; and

WHEREAS, At present, there is no continuity for program development and continuation at the highest level of the Department; and

WHEREAS, At the present time there is not a good system in place to keep the next Department Commander apprised and completely informed in the processes and responsibilities of the Department Commander; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Fall Conference assembled in Flint, Michigan, September 20-22, 2019, that The American Legion, Department of Michigan Executive Committee establish the offices of First and Second Department Vice Commander, to be elected annually at the State Convention, starting in 2021; and, be it further

RESOLVED, The First and Second Department Vice Commander offices shall not serve more than one (1) consecutive term with the same office; and, be it further

RESOLVED, Legionnaires desiring to serve as Department Commander will become a part of the "team" by being elected Department Second Vice Commander, then progressing by receiving the official nomination for Department First Vice Commander and, eventually, receiving the official nomination for Commander, as is done in Posts, Districts and most other Departments; and, be it further

RESOLVED, The Department First Vice Commander shall assume and discharge the duties of Department Commander in the absence or disability of the Department Commander or when called upon the by the Department Commander; and, be it further

RESOLVED, The Department Second Vice Commander shall assume and discharge the duties of the office of Department First Vice Commander in the absence or disability of the Department First Vice Commander; and, be it further

RESOLVED, The Department First Vice Commander, during their term of office, will have the responsibility of being the Department Membership Director and such other duties as may be assigned by the Department Commander or the Department Executive Committee and be a member of the Department Executive Committee; and, be it further

RESOLVED, The Department Second Vice Commander, during their term of office, will be the Chairman of the Americanism Committee and such other duties as may be assigned by the Department Commander or the Department Executive Committee and be a member of the Department Executive Committee; and, be it further

RESOLVED, The Department Judge Advocate, Internal Affairs Chairman and Constitution and Bylaws Chairman make all the changes required by this resolution to the Department Constitution and Bylaws to the appropriate Officer sections to be presented for action at the 2020 Department Convention; and, be it further

RESOLVED, The Zone Commanders be titled Department Vice Commander for their particular Zone. Their duties will remain the same and they will be assistants to the Department First Vice Commander for Membership and other duties as assigned by the Department Commander; and, be it further

RESOLVED, The Membership and Americanism Committees make the necessary changes to their Rules of Procedure at the 2021 Department Convention; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That these changes become effective at the 2021 Department Convention for the Election of Department Officers for the 2021-2022 year.