

**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION:      #22-23**

**SUBMITTED BY:    Legislative Committee**

**SUBJECT:           Request the State of Michigan Legislature Approve the Funding to Build Three (3) More State Veteran Homes**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** A workgroup, commissioned by Governor Rick Snyder in 2016, recommended up to seven (7) new State Veteran Homes be built; and

**WHEREAS,** Two (2) of the seven (7) new State Veteran Homes are currently completed and operating; and

**WHEREAS,** The process to request for Federal matching funds can take a year or more; and

**WHEREAS,** The time to acquire land, and to begin the construction process, can take months after the Federal approval; and

**WHEREAS,** The D.J. Jacobetti Home in Marquette, Michigan, is in need of replacement because it does not meet standards to receive full reimbursement under the Medicare and Medicaid guidelines; and

**WHEREAS,** The Wayne County area has the largest population of veterans and only has one State Veteran Home located in Chesterfield Township, Michigan; and

**WHEREAS,** Governor Whitmer's budget has not, to date, included funding for any new State Veteran Homes; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Convention assembled in Kalamazoo, Michigan, June 24-26, 2022, That The American Legion, Department of Michigan ask the State House, Senate and Governor to budget appropriate funding for three (3) new State Veteran Homes; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That one of the new Homes be a replacement for the D.J. Jacobetti Home and that one of the new Homes be in or around the City of Detroit but not within thirty-five (35) miles of the Chesterfield Township Home, and that one of the Homes be located north of a line running east and west of Clare, Michigan; and, be it

**FINALLY RESOLVED,** That the Michigan Veterans Facility Authority begin the process of identifying three (3) new sites to build State Veteran Homes.