

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: #24-17

SUBMITTED BY: 19th District

SUBJECT: Change Department Leadership Development from Subcommittee to Standing Committee

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Leadership Development Committee was added to the list of committees as a subcommittee of the Internal Affairs Committee at the 2022 Department Convention in Kalamazoo; and

WHEREAS, There is no originating resolution for the creation of the Leadership Development Committee and there were no Rules of Procedure in place prior to the creation of this committee; and

WHEREAS, The Leadership Development Subcommittee, being a Subcommittee of the Internal Affairs Committee assigns an additional duty to the members of that committee under the direction of the Subcommittee Chair; and

WHEREAS, The business of the Leadership Development Subcommittee should require a focused effort by committee members on finding candidates for Department Leadership, developing and improving a continuing curriculum, taking more time and effort than is allowed for the Internal Affairs Committee to conduct their meeting; and

WHEREAS, The future leadership of The American Legion, Department of Michigan would be best served by a dedicated standing Leadership Development Committee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Convention assembled in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, July 12-14, 2024, That The American Legion, Department of Michigan, agree that the list of Standing Committees contained within the Rules of Procedure of the Department Executive Committee, be amended to remove Leadership Development as a Subcommittee of the Internal Affairs Committee and place it as a Standing Committee of the Department of Michigan; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, as an independent Standing Committee, the Leadership Development Committee consist of a Committee Chair, plus a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) members at large from within the Department, along with

two alternate members to serve in the absence of a regular member, appointed by the Department Commander and ratified by the DEC in accordance with Article V, Section 7 of the Department Constitution; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That these appointments shall be consistent with the Department Constitution and Bylaws, regarding terms of office, attendance at Conventions, Conferences and Meetings, etc.; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Rules of Procedure for the Internal Affairs Committee be amended, if necessary, to reflect this change as appropriate; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Rules of Procedure for the Leadership Development Committee, drafted as an independent, full standing committee, be submitted for approval of the DEC through the Internal Affairs Committee; and, be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, That these actions take effect at the close of the 2024 Department of Michigan Convention.

SENT TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR FURTHER STUDY