

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

**RESOLUTION:** #24-18

**SUBMITTED BY:** Legislative Committee

**SUBJECT:** Green Alerts for Veterans and Service Members at Risk

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**WHEREAS,** The American Legion, Department of Michigan recognizes the need to get the word out in the case of a missing veteran or service member who has shown the ideology of self-harm; and

**WHEREAS,** Veterans have a high suicide rate, as many studies have shown to be higher than the general non-veteran population; and

**WHEREAS,** The Michigan State Police maintain and update the Amber Alert and Silver Alert systems in Michigan; and

**WHEREAS,** Recent cases and cases of veterans that had left notes of suicide, but did not fit the Amber Alert or Silver Alert criteria left no way to publicly notify of their pending self-harm or missing status; and

**WHEREAS,** The American Legion, Department of Michigan wants to see that all veterans and military members receive the help they need to overcome such thoughts as suicide; 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 does call upon the Michigan Legislature to pass such laws as to require the Michigan State Police and other Law Enforcement agencies to spread the word through the use of existing network that a veteran or military member is missing, to put the public on notice to be on the lookout for said person; and, be it

**FINALLY RESOLVED,** That such legislation take effect immediately.