

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: #24-27

SUBMITTED BY: Finance Committee

SUBJECT: External Background Checks and Credit Checks for Appointed Officers with Access to Funds and Investments

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Department of Michigan is a multi-million dollar nonprofit corporation; and

WHEREAS, It is prudent that the Department take steps to protect its assets; and

WHEREAS, Recent events within the National Organization in the Departments of Idaho (loss of \$750,000) and Georgia (loss of \$100,000) have shed light on the need to be aware of the background of the individuals that have access to the Department's funds and investments; and

WHEREAS, Currently, there is nothing in place in the Department of Michigan to vet members that will have access to the funds and investments; 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 any member of the Department of Michigan, that has been appointed for a Department position that involves the handling of Department funds and/or investments, must have a criminal background check and credit check completed before being approved by the Department Executive Committee; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, Any member found to have adverse comments in the background check or credit check will be notified that a problem exists and asked to either remove themselves from consideration or sit before the Administrative Committee to explain the adverse comments in the background check or credit check; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, If the member removes themselves from candidacy, no further action is needed; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, If the member still wishes to remain a candidate they will then go before the Administrative Committee to explain the adverse comments in the background check or credit check; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, If the Administrative Committee is satisfied with the explanation, no further action shall be taken; the Administrative Committee is to always lean towards the side of caution and the Department Executive Committee can approve the appointment, if they so desire; and, be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, If the Administrative Committee is not satisfied with the explanation, or the candidate refuses to sit before the Administrative Committee, the member may remain a candidate; however, the adverse background check or credit check information shall be shared with the Department Executive Committee before approval to the appointed position.

APPROVED, AS AMENDED