

RESOLUTION: #25 – 11

SUBMITTED BY: 2ND DISTRICT

**SUBJECT: Calling for the Formation of a National Committee of American
Legion Departments who have Posts located in State and Federal
Correction Facilities**

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WHEREAS, The American Legion is dedicated to serving all veterans, including those who are incarcerated, by providing opportunities for rehabilitation, reintegration, and continued service to the nation and their fellow veterans; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion currently has established posts within state and federal correctional facilities in several departments, offering incarcerated veterans' access to programs and services that foster personal growth, civic responsibility, and adherence to the principles of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, The challenges faced by American Legion posts within correctional facilities are unique and require specialized knowledge, coordination, and best practices to ensure their effective operation and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Some state departments lack American Legion posts within correctional facilities, and the formation of such posts could provide significant benefits to incarcerated veterans and the communities they will re-enter; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of a national committee dedicated to state departments with correctional facility-based American Legion posts would foster collaboration, information sharing, and strategic planning to support existing posts and encourage the formation of new ones; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion Department of Michigan, in regular meeting assembled in Sault Ste Marie July 11-13, 2025, that The American Legion petition the National Executive Committee to form a dedicated committee comprised of representatives from departments with American Legion posts located in state and federal correctional facilities; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That, this committee shall serve as a platform for collaboration, the exchange of best practices, and the development of strategies to support existing correctional facility-based posts while also facilitating the establishment of new posts in states where they do not currently exist; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That, The American Legion National Headquarters provide appropriate resources and support to ensure the success of this committee in its mission to serve incarcerated veterans and uphold the values of The American Legion.