THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: **# 26 - 26**

SUBMITTED BY: **Department Membership Committee**

SUBJECT: **Funding to Verify and Update the Department Membership Roster**

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WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Michigan, membership roster contains 67,876 member records, while the Department membership goal for 2027 is 51,500; and

WHEREAS, As of October 27, 2026, 31,944 members have paid dues for 2027 or later, and 13,816 members last paid dues for 2023, 2024, or 2025; and

WHEREAS, 16,908 members on the roster are age 80 or older, including 3,665 age 90 or older, and 14,318 records have no date of birth recorded; and

WHEREAS, More than 6,100 Paid-Up-For-Life and Honorary Life members remain on the roster until a death is reported, regardless of age or activity; and

WHEREAS, Deceased members and outdated addresses on the roster cost posts time and postage, distort renewal reports, and make it harder to reach members who have simply not renewed; and

WHEREAS, Commercial data-verification services can check addresses, identify members who have moved or died, and verify phone numbers and email addresses for approximately $40 per 10,000 records checked; and

WHEREAS, An accurate roster would give each post a reliable list of former members to contact, many of whom remain predisposed to renew; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, **By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in Department Executive Committee meeting, assembled in Gaylord, Michigan, Sunday**,

Referred to Finance

November 8, 2026, That The American Legion, Department of Michigan, appropriate an amount not to exceed $1,000 to the Department Membership Committee for the purchase of data-verification services to verify and update the Department membership roster; and, be it further

RESOLVED, **That the verification include all members who last paid dues for 2023, 2024, or 2025, all Paid-Up-For-Life and Honorary Life members, all current members age 80 or older, and all current members with no date of birth recorded; and, be it further**

RESOLVED, **That verified results be entered into the national membership system by Department Headquarters staff and reported to each member's post of last record; and, be it finally**

RESOLVED, **That the Department Membership Committee report to the Department Executive Committee at its next regular meeting following completion of the project the number of deceased members identified, address changes found, members who moved out of state, and how the results were distributed.**

Referred to Finance