THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: 26- 15

SUBMITTED BY: 2nd District

SUBJECT: Placement of Narcan in Every American Legion Post

WHEREAS,

Opioid overdose deaths in the United States continue to rise at alarming rates, with over 100,000 deaths annually, including Veterans and active-duty service members. The unadjusted suicide rate involving opioids was 0.6 per 100,000 in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Narcan (naloxone) is a life-saving medication that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose if administered promptly; and

WHEREAS,

American Legion posts are widely accessible community centers and trusted locations for Veterans, service members, and the general public, providing a unique opportunity for timely intervention during overdose emergencies; and

WHEREAS,

Having Narcan available in all American Legion posts can help save lives, provide peace of mind for Veterans and their families, and further the Legion's mission of service to the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED,

By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Convention, assembled in Battle Creek, Michigan, June 26-28, 2026, That The American Legion, Department of Michigan, hereby recommends that all American Legion Posts, with a post home, that Narcan be made available throughout Michigan, with appropriate training provided to post personnel, and help us "take a stand" against opioid overdose deaths.

Approved