

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: 26 - 21

SUBMITTED BY: Department Legislative Committee

SUBJECT: Veterans Receiving Property Tax Exemption from the State of Michigan

WHEREAS, The State of Michigan offers a very valuable benefit to Veterans who qualify based on a rating from the VA; and

WHEREAS, Some State and Local units of Government have been publicizing the private information of the Veteran online and in print form; and

WHEREAS, The Veteran's medical records are used for the rating that is used to qualify; and

WHEREAS, The Veteran goes through medical screening from the VA to obtain the rating; and

WHEREAS, The rating received gives the Veteran a full property tax deduction, and

WHEREAS, Some of these Veterans are unable to protect themselves based on their medical condition; and

WHEREAS, Some of these Veterans have faced issues, including public humiliation in their community, based on not having to pay property taxes; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Department of Michigan recognizes the danger and public humiliation these veterans face; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in the annual Department Fall Meeting, assembled in Gaylord, Michigan, November 6-8, 2026. That the State of Michigan pass legislation that prohibits anyone, including Government entities, including all State of Michigan and all Local units from publishing the veteran's personal information including but not limited to NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER online or in written form. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests will redact all personal information; and be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, That such legislation will include fines for violation of this Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL) and that such legislation take effect immediately.