

**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION:**        #23-34  
**SUBMITTED BY:**    Department Baseball Committee  
**SUBJECT:**            Rescind Resolution #7-09-C

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** Since 2010, American Legion Membership has declined thirty-eight (38) percent; and

**WHEREAS,** The decline in membership means a decline in the budget available to programs of The American Legion, Department of Michigan; and

**WHEREAS,** Resolution 7-09-C was meant to create a tier system to allow more American Legion Posts to sponsor baseball teams at appropriate levels; and

**WHEREAS,** Resolution 7-09-C resulted in only one (1) new tier of baseball class who, based on the rules, do not have the opportunity to compete in American Legion Regionals, or the American Legion World Series Tournament; and

**WHEREAS,** Resolution 7-09-C spoke of creating a tier system like the Department of Wisconsin, which has several tiers, not two (2), and over one hundred seventy-five (175) teams participating in their program; and

**WHEREAS,** Since the passage of Resolution 7-09-C, participation in Michigan American Legion baseball has declined over thirty-four (34) percent; and

**WHEREAS,** The total cost to hold two (2) tournaments is approximately \$40,000; and

**WHEREAS,** The cost has increased fifteen (15) percent since 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** A successful Department Baseball Program is dependent on multiple tiers at the junior and senior levels, to allow teams to progress over the years; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Fall Conference assembled in Muskegon, Michigan, September 22-24, 2023, That Resolution 7-09-C be rescinded immediately; and, be it**

**FURTHER RESOLVED, That all American Legion Department of Michigan baseball teams compete in one Department tournament that allows all teams the opportunity to advance to the Great Lakes Regional Tournament and, if successful, to the American Legion World Series; and, be it**

**FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Department Baseball Committee shall present to the Department Executive Committee a new 2024 tournament plan, that includes the addition of the previous tier teams and shows a reduction in expenses by at least forty (40) percent by December 8, 2023, for approval.**

REJECTED - OUT OF ORDER