

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: #23-19

SUBMITTED BY: Department Finance Committee

SUBJECT: Eliminate Printed and Mailed Version of Michigan Legionnaire

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Department of Michigan currently prints and mails a newspaper known as the Michigan Legionnaire, typically with an annual loss; and

WHEREAS, With today’s technology, the Department produces the same newspaper without external expense, in a PDF format, on the Department website; in fact, for many years; and

WHEREAS, The newspaper in paper format is difficult for older members to read the small print, and is not read by many members; and

WHEREAS, The newspaper can be printed and mailed for a cost determined by the Department Finance Committee to members requesting this; and

WHEREAS, An extreme number of members utilize many types of technology, such as: smart phones, tablets and computers, which allows the PDF newspaper version to be read anywhere, with size and font able to be modified by each individual reader; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Convention assembled in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, July 7-9, 2023, that the Department of Michigan approve the elimination of a printed and mailed newspaper, which will commence September, 2023. A printed version can be purchased and mailed for \$1 per issue; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That The American Legion, Department of Michigan, continue to collect dues per capita of \$21.00, without change, and the \$2.10 per member newspaper reserve be modified and allocated to the General Fund to offset any potential dues increases or expenses; and, be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Michigan American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion be notified on this matter.

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