Resolution Closing Camp American Legion for the 2020 Season

WHEREAS, The United States of America and the world in general are currently experiencing a pandemic associated with the spread of Coronavirus (COVID–19) therefore causing communities, cities, states and the federal government to enact unprecedented emergency actions in order to contain and combat the impact and risks of spreading the COVID–19; and

WHEREAS, Upon the recommendations of the United States President, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) the emergency actions taken include, but are not limited to, restriction of mass gathering sizes, restrictions on unnecessary travel, closure of restaurants and other public gathering spaces, implementation of “social distancing” guidelines and an overall emphasis on personal hygiene and virus/germ abatement actions; and

WHEREAS, Under Emergency Order 12, as modified and extended by Emergency Order 28, in order to suppress the spread of COVID-19, that all persons within the State of Wisconsin are ordered to stay at home or in their place of residence, and all public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring among persons not part of a single household are prohibited, except for specified limited purposes; and

WHEREAS, There is no provision to test individuals prior to entering the property; and

WHEREAS, The Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion states that we will maintain law and order; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic is being continuously monitored, and the need for Emergency Orders is being continuously evaluated, but at the present time, changes in circumstances and the expiration of restrictions is unknown; and

WHEREAS, The closure of Camp for the 2020 season will result in a reduction of revenue by at least $72,000 and a reduction in expenses of at least $108,000; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin that due to the uncertainty of the duration of the disease known as Coronavirus (COVID-19), the numerous government regulations being enforced to contain it and the concern for the safety of those individuals who utilize the many programs offered at Camp American Legion, The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin Department Executive Committee agrees that present circumstances constitute sufficient reason to cancel the 2020 season at Camp American Legion; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the closure of Camp American Legion includes those cabins owned by individual Posts on the property who have signed a Use Privilege Agreement with the Department requiring them to follow Department rules concerning Camp American Legion.