

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: 18-C-11

SUBMITTED BY: Department of Michigan 11th District

SUBJECT: Amendment to Michigan American Legion Wilwin Lodge Bylaws

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Michigan American Legion Wilwin Lodge, Inc., was granted a Non-Profit Corporation Charter by the State of Michigan in 2010; and

WHEREAS, The voting members of the Wilwin Corporation Board of Directors consist of five (5) Legionnaires, one (1) Auxiliary member, one (1) Sons of The American Legion member and one (1) Legion Rider; and

WHEREAS, The non-voting Wilwin Board Members have selected new Board Members when a Board vacancy occurs, subject to approval by the Department Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Many Board Members lacked the skill set (“M.O.S.”) to oversee the development and operation of an effective veterans retreat to serve our disabled veterans and continue Wilwin’s mission as a nationally recognized veteran’s facility; and

WHEREAS, A majority of the Board Members have recently declined to contract with a highly recommended and experienced professional Landscape Park Site Planner to develop a long-term Site Plan, as voted and approved by a majority of past Board Members; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors has continuously and haphazardly approved (often “after the fact”) the site and construction of buildings and the Board’s actions have spent down a considerable amount of Wilwin’s cash assets with no consideration given to outside fundraising; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Board Members be experienced in business principles such as management, planning, finance, taxation, risk management, human resources and outside fundraising; and, be it further

RESOLVED, New members appointed to the Board be selected from diverse Michigan geographical locations, as required by the Corporate Bylaws; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That all new members support Wilwin programs to assist in the rehabilitation of our PTSD and TBI veterans by interacting with the Federal Department of Veteran Affairs, the Michigan Department of Military and Veteran Affairs and medical providers; and, be it further

RESOLVED, To insure a diversified Board membership to execute the objectives of Wilwin, pursuant to the original Wilwin Mission and Vision Statements, proposed Board Members be vetted by the Department Commander, Department Adjutant and Department Finance Officer and, upon their recommendation to the Department Executive Committee, a proposed Board Member be either appointed or rejected; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Convention assembled in Kalamazoo, Michigan, June 21, 2018, That this resolution be approved.

REFLECTED