

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
MAY 9 – 10, 2012**

**Resolution No. 4: Background Screening Of Staff For National Youth Programs
Origin: Americanism Commission
Submitted by: Finance Commission**

WHEREAS, All youth programs of The American Legion rely heavily upon dedicated volunteers willing to contribute time and skills for executing essential functions of the programs; and

WHEREAS, Background screening, clearly established policies, instruction, and oversight are all effective elements of volunteer management that can help uphold the integrity and safety of a youth program and mitigate the risk and liability to an organization; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 9-10, 2012, That The American Legion implement procedures that will require background screening of volunteers selected to staff national tournaments of American Legion Baseball, The American Legion Boys Nation, The American Legion National Oratorical Contest, The American Legion National Junior Shooting Competition, and National Boy Scout Jamborees no later than with the execution of each program in 2013; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That said background screenings be conducted annually prior to the start of each program; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That said background screenings only be conducted by the vendor authorized by the National Organization; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the National Americanism Commission shall, with advice of its relevant subcommittees, the Compliance and Risk Manager of the National Organization and the National Judge Advocate, develop risk management policies consistent for protection of The American Legion and its youth program participants; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the National Commander, after review and approval of the National Judge Advocate, be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute such contract(s) as may be needed to support the execution of background screenings and the National Adjutant be and is hereby authorized and directed to attest to same.