Resolution No. 2: Cancellation of the May 2020 Meeting of the National Executive Committee

Origin: Subcommittee on Resolutions
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WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 2 of the National By-Laws calls for a meeting each May of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion to conduct business; and

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

WHEREAS, The governor of the State of Indiana declared a public health emergency as a result of COVID–19 requiring numerous actions to follow including that all mass gatherings adhere to the CDC guidance for large events – which the CDC has currently set at no groups larger than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, A gathering of the members of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion for the May 2020 meeting would be in conflict with the actions being imposed by our local and federal authorities, and therefore place our members at an unnecessary medical risk; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, by email vote pursuant to Rule 12 of the Rules of the National Executive Committee, That the May 2020 meeting of the National Executive Committee, scheduled for May 6–7, 2020, in Indianapolis, Indiana, is hereby cancelled; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That any and all business, including resolutions, normally addressed at the May meetings by the National Executive Committee, may be brought forth, considered and voted on as an emergency action at the pre-convention National Executive Committee meeting scheduled prior to the start of 2020 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.