

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
May 5-6, 2021
Virtual**

**Resolution No. 7: Authority to Temporarily Amend, Delay or Suspend Rules or Policies of
National Youth Programs
Origin: Americanism Commission
Submitted by: Americanism Commission**

WHEREAS, In 2020 and 2021 the United States and the world in general experienced a public health crisis, the likes of which unseen since 1918, associated with the spread of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, The 2020-2021 global pandemic caused 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 virus; and

WHEREAS, Emergency state and local public health protection ordinances placed a limit on a great many of The American Legion's abilities to operate, thereby necessitating the cancellation national youth programs of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Great care and caution is given to the drafting of rules and policies for national youth programs of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Currently established rules and policies for national youth programs of The American Legion provide no provision for implementing accommodations to amend, delay or suspend operations or competitions in the face of a global pandemic or other act of God; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled virtually on May 5-6, 2021, That the Americanism Commission is authorized, with concurrence of the national commander, to temporarily amend, delay or suspend any established rule or policy of a national youth program when a program is subject to the occurrence of a circumstance beyond control of The American Legion, such as acts of God, war against the United States, acts or specific threats of terrorism against the United States, reasonable fear for personal safety of attendees, pandemic/epidemic disease or illness, government regulations, public health threats as determined or recognized by the Centers for Disease Control or by state or local public health agencies, curtailment of transportation facilities preventing or unreasonably delaying youth participants from attending, disaster, strikes, civil disorder or any other cause beyond the control of The American Legion, whereby making it impossible, illegal, impracticable, or inadvisable to conduct a youth program in accordance with established rules or policies; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That this provision shall be included in writing among all rules and policies of all national youth programs of The American Legion.