

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
May 6-7, 2009**

**Resolution No. 9: American Legion Baseball Program  
Origin: Americanism Commission  
Submitted by: Finance Commission**

WHEREAS, American Legion Baseball was organized in 1925 to teach practical lessons in sportsmanship and citizenship by emphasizing such qualities as loyalty, respect for the rules, fair play, courage and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, While the American Legion Baseball program is sound at its core, with the changing financial and social climates, it is to the benefit of The American Legion to closely examine policies and practices so as to ensure continued growth, accessibility and affordability of American Legion Baseball for both participants and spectators; and

WHEREAS, The national commander appointed an ad hoc committee to conduct a thorough examination of the American Legion Baseball program and provide recommendations for enhancing the program at the regional and national tournament levels; and

WHEREAS, This resolution has been reviewed by the national Americanism Commission and with concurrence from the national Finance Commission is recommended to the National Executive Committee for favorable action; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 6-7, 2009, That The American Legion is hereby authorized to assess an annual national registration fee of \$50.00 per Junior and \$50.00 per Senior American Legion Baseball team effective January 1, 2010; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That The American Legion immediately begin soliciting corporate sponsors for regional and World Series tournament levels of the American Legion Baseball program and engage the services of a professional agency at no cost to The American Legion to acquire advertising and/or sponsorship opportunities; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That The American Legion begin soliciting official suppliers and licensees for regional and World Series tournament levels of the American Legion Baseball program; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That beginning with the 2011-2012 seasons, regional tournaments of the American Legion Baseball program be sited in one location for two (2) consecutive years, based on accessibility and central location as determined by open bids using objective, weighted evaluation criteria; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the minimum hosting bid for the 2011 American Legion Baseball World Series, and all years thereafter, be \$100,000; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That beginning in 2011, one (1) permanent tournament site be designated to host the American Legion World Series as determined by open bids using objective, weighted evaluation criteria, with the initial bid for a four (4) year period and subsequent renewals contingent upon proper review.**