State of Michigan Resolution No. 1, Special Tax Assessments

WHEREAS the State of Michigan currently requires veterans to pay full special tax assessments on their primary residence, and

WHEREAS the State of Michigan currently only recognizes veterans rated by the US Department of Veterans Affairs with 100% permanent and total disability evaluation. These veterans are not required to pay property tax on their primary residence, and

WHEREAS the US Department of Veterans Affairs is tasked with identifying and classifying veterans with service- connected disabilities. These classifications range from 0% to 100%, and

WHEREAS the State of Michigan does not recognize veterans with less than 100% disability that equally deserve the tax relief benefit.

THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED that Post 3734 Department of Michigan, Veterans of Foreign Wars requests that the Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States petition the State of Michigan to exempt all American Veterans with a VA disability of 50% or more, to be exempt from all State, and local Special Assessments; to include, but not limited to special street light assessments; special sewer assessments; and other special property tax assessments on and or for drains; police and fire; roads; schools; water, other special property tax assessments related to a veterans home; or primarily residence

Submitted by VFW Post 3734 Commander Andy Peck

State of Michigan Resolution No. 2, Veteran Property Tax Exemption

WHEREAS the State of Michigan currently only recognizes veterans rated by the US Department of Veterans Affairs with 100% permanent and total disability evaluation. These veterans are not required to pay property tax on their primary residence, and

WHEREAS the State of Michigan does not recognize the sacrifices of veterans with less than 100% VA Disability as it relates to property tax relief, and

WHEREAS the US Department of Veterans Affairs is tasked with identifying and classifying veterans with service connected disabilities. These classifications range from 0% to 100%, and

WHEREAS these veterans equally served their country and became disabled from that service.

THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED that VFW Post 3734 Department of Michigan, Veterans of Foreign Wars requests that the Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States petition the State of Michigan to exempt all VA rated disabled veterans to receive a property tax exemption commensurate with their VA disability ratings.

Submitted by Post Commander Andy Peck Fruitport VFW Post 3734

State of Michigan

Resolution Number 3 - Michigan Veterans License Plates;

Whereas the State of Michigan currently only makes available License Plates for Michigan Veterans with only one war service medal & their war period, and

Whereas the State of Michigan currently provides eligible veterans with the DV designated license plate when rated 100% by the US Department of Veterans Affairs but does not allow the depiction of a war service medal nor their war service period, and

Whereas hundreds of Michigan service men and women served in multiple wars such as service in Iraq, Afghanistan; Vietnam, etc; but the State of Michigan allows only one service medal and one war designation per license plate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Fruitport VFW post 3734 petition the State of Michigan to authorize and make readily available at minimal cost to Michigan Veterans eligible to receive the State DV designated license plates with a DV designated license plate which includes one or two service medals and their war service period(s) on one license plate.

Submitted by VFW Post 3734 Commander Andy Peck

State of Michigan

Resolution number 4 – Veteran Outdoor Access

WHEREAS many Michigan Veterans enjoy accessing the resources that Michigan offers for hunting, fishing and other recreational activities, and

WHERAS many of these veterans have disability, either mental or physical, which would benefit from the therapeutic effects of accessing Michigan's diverse recreational resources, and

WHEREAS many veterans by virtue of age or disability are on fixed relatively low income.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Michigan support legislation to amend the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act of 1994 to provide for a no cost hunting license including any species-specific tags or stamps required under the act to any Michigan resident veteran discharged under honorable conditions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Michigan support legislation to amend the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act of 1994 to provide for a no cost fishing license including any trout or salmon stamps required under the act to any Michigan resident veteran discharged under honorable conditions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Michigan support legislation to amend the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act of 1994 to provide for free entry to all state parks and recreation areas to any Michigan resident veteran discharged under honorable conditions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Michigan support legislation to amend the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act of 1994 to provide for honorably discharged veterans who reside outside of Michigan and seek a hunting or fishing license for use in Michigan shall be eligible for a 50% discount off the cost of the current out-of-state license fee.

Submitted by Barry Walter, State Adjutant / Quartermaster