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WHEREAS, American Legion Riders (ALR) was established in 1993 as a Post level activity at Garden City American Legion Post 396, Department of Michigan; and
WHEREAS, The ALR groups have since expanded to more than 1,200 local chapters in all 50 domestic departments and in two foreign departments; and
WHEREAS, Membership in the ALR has grown to include more than 100,000 members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, and the Sons of The American Legion; and
WHEREAS, Resolution 35: “American Legion Riders as a National Program”, NEC, October 17-18, 2007 has been a guiding document for the formation of post and department ALR programs under the support of the hosting posts and departments; and
WHEREAS, The third resolve clause in Resolution 35 contains recommended guidelines for such programs; and
WHEREAS, The National Commander’s ALR current Ad Hoc Committee to The Internal Affairs Commission has identified ambiguous content regarding eligibility criteria for The American Legion Riders and made specific recommendations for improving such content; and
WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of The American Legion to review and amend, from time to time, such guidelines in efforts to provide more effective direction to The American Legion Riders programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 4-5, 2011, That guideline numbers 2 and 3 of the third resolving clause of Resolution 35: “American Legion Riders as a National Program”, NEC, October 17-18, 2007, which states:

“2. Each ALR member shall own a motorcycle
3. Each ALR member shall be properly licensed and insured as required by state law”

Shall be amended as follows:

“2. Each ALR member shall establish and maintain membership by owning, individually or through marriage, a motorcycle licensed and insured as required by state law
3. ALR programs may allow for continued membership for those members who have given up motorcycle ownership because of age, illness, injury, or other reasons outside the member’s control”.