

WHEREAS, The American Legion Baseball program provides wholesome recreation for thousands of America's young people while teaching important fundamentals of sportsmanship, teamwork, leadership, and citizenship on the baseball diamond; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Washington American Legion Posts have sponsored a Senior and Junior American Legion baseball programs since the late 1950's; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has a National American Legion Baseball program for players age 19 and under; and

WHEREAS, Thirty-seven American Legion Departments have established a Junior Legion baseball program for age 17 and under players, including the Department of Washington, to teach the same principles and goals as the Senior American Legion Baseball program; and

WHEREAS, The current Department Junior program players by rules specific to each Department's own guidelines now; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion Department of Washington in Department Convention assembled in Bellevue, Washington on July 16, 17, 2004, That The Department of Washington American Legion support the establishment of a National Junior American Legion Baseball program for players 17 years of age and under, and be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, That The Department of Washington American Legion encourages the National American Legion Baseball Subcommittee to establish a National Junior Baseball program for all Departments utilizing a uniform set of playing and tournament rules.