

Suggested Template for ALR Resolutions

Based on the guidance provided by Resolution No. 35: American Legion Riders as a National Program, passed by the National Executive Committee, Indianapolis, Indiana, October 17-18, 2007, the template provided in the pages below incorporates the latest guidance, concepts and rules of procedure for the Riders programs at the post or department level.

This template incorporates wording designed to satisfy strict federal government trademark protection laws, but is provided **as a suggestion only** and should not be construed as a national American Legion Riders Resolution.

Departments and posts are encouraged to use this template as a framework from which to develop American Legion Rider programs or to sustain and improve existing programs.

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Resolution No. xx: American Legion Riders as a Department Program
DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
ANYSTATE, USA
October 17-18, 2010

WHEREAS, In October 2007 the National Executive Committee approved Resolution 35, establishing The American Legion Riders (ALR) as a national program to be administered by the departments and the posts; and

WHEREAS, This resolution established certain guidelines to serve as the standard under which all current and future ALR programs will operate; and

WHEREAS, Today there are more than xx ALR programs within the Department of Anystate whose membership consists of members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion who share a common interest in motorcycle ownership and pleasure riding for veterans' causes; and

WHEREAS, The increasing numbers of ALR members and groups in the Department of Anystate demonstrate sustained growth that reflects a genuine interest in the Riders for both current and potential members of The American Legion Family; and

WHEREAS, The intent of the ALR is to use their common interests and associations to promote the aims and objectives of The American Legion as well as to enhance the public's perception of motorcycle riders and to promote motorcycle safety and awareness; and

WHEREAS, Membership growth has increased in many posts that have supported ALR and in some cases these members now serve in leadership positions within the department; and

WHEREAS, Many posts within the department have already acknowledged their ALR as a program of the post and have established a variety of guidelines for ALR to follow; and

WHEREAS, As ALR programs continue to increase in number within the Department of Anystate it would be beneficial to both The American Legion and ALR to establish consistent guidelines for the operations of such programs; and

WHEREAS, The ALR programs now operating at post level have been reviewed by the Department of Anystate, which recommends to the Department Executive Committee that the ALR become a department program; and

WHEREAS, The department finance committee has reviewed both the ALR's potential for fundraising and its need for funding and insurance for the department organization of this program, and recommends this program to the Department Executive Committee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The Department Executive Committee of The American Legion of Anystate in regular meeting assembled in Anycity, Anystate, on October 17-18, 2010, That The American Legion Department of Anystate adopt The American Legion Riders (ALR) as a department and post program; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the department establish with existing American Legion Riders a parent ALR program for the Department of Anystate that shall uphold the declared principles of The American Legion as well as conform to and abide by the regulations and decisions made by the department executive committee, department commander, or other duly constituted governing body; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That all subordinate American Legion Rider groups must be a program supported by a post or district of The American Legion and shall uphold the declared principles of The American Legion as well as conform to and abide by the regulations and decisions of the Department, Post or other duly constituted Department governing body; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the following guidelines are established for The American Legion Riders program of The American Legion Department of Anystate:

- 1. All members of the ALR shall be current members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion;**
- 2. Each ALR member shall also own a motorcycle, or be married to a motorcycle owner under state law;**
- 3. Each ALR member shall be properly licensed and insured as required by state law, and will obey the motorcycle laws of their state;**
- 4. All ALR members shall strive to maintain the image of The American Legion, at all times upholding The American Legion name and emblem, which symbolizes the integrity and principles of this great organization;**
- 5. All ALR programs shall avoid the perception of being a motorcycle or biker "club";**
- 6. The only recognized ALR logos are those which are copyrighted and sold through The American Legion National Emblem sales;**
- 7. There shall be no use of rockers, banners, or patches worn that are meant to touch or partly obscure the main ALR patch and thus violate trademark protection laws regarding the ALR logo;**
- 8. All department ALR program officers, directors, and other leaders must be confirmed by the department executive committee;**
- 9. All vacancies that might occur from time to time in department ALR positions must be filled by the department executive committee;**
- 10. The department ALR program must report monthly to the department executive committee, or duly appointed representative of the committee, with both an activity report and a financial status report of the department ALR program;**
- 11. The department finance officer or treasurer must be signatory on all accounts established by the department ALR program;**
- 12. All existing or new department or post ALR constitutions or bylaws, and any current or future amendments, must be approved by the Department of Anystate;**
- 13. Sponsoring organizations (i.e., posts and districts) will review liability insurance coverage to ensure that adequate coverage is available to protect the organization, to include the occasional purchase of additional coverage for any special ALR events; and, be it further**

RESOLVED, That each subordinate ALR program (i.e., posts or districts) within the Department of Anystate will establish similar guidelines as above in regards to its relationship with its hosting post, district, or other governing organization; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That American Legion Rider programs shall abide by The American Legion Constitution and By-laws as well as the established department directives; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion Department of Anystate shall retain general oversight of ALR programs as regards to proper use of the names and emblems of The American Legion, The American Legion Riders and The American Legion Legacy Run, and shall remain in compliance with the National Constitution and By-Laws of The American Legion.