

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 12

Subject Change in National Oratorical Contest Dates

Referred to Convention Resolutions Committee

WHEREAS, The American Legion has been conducting a program known as “The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program – A Constitutional Speech Contest” which has provided over \$3,000,000 in scholarships; and

WHEREAS, contestants participate from all the Departments of The American Legion in the final series of contests held in Indianapolis, Indiana, in the month of April each year; and

WHEREAS, this forces Departments to hold their Department Contests in the months of January, February, and March which is a very critical time for inclement weather; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The American Legion Department of New York in Convention assembled July 19th-21st, 2018 in Rochester, New York that it urge the National Organization move the National Oratorical Contest to the month of May each year which would give Departments in the snow belt the month of April to hold their Department Contests which is a month more stable in the winter; and be it further

RESOLVED, the National Contest scheduling during the month of May each year would have continuity for all Departments as they will setup their calendars for the year knowing that each year this month is set aside for the National Oratorical Finals, and be it further

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of New York in Convention assembled July 19th-21st, 2018 in Rochester, New York that it encourage the National Organization to institute this change for the betterment of the Oratorical Program and the youth of our Country; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, that if adopted at the Department of New York Convention this resolution be forwarded to the National Organization in Convention assembled August 24th-30th, 2018 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for their consideration and action.

FOR CONVENTION COMMITTEE USE

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Approved with Amendments ___X_____

Consolidated with _____

Referred to Standing Committee on _____

Received and Recorded _____

Other Action _____

Signature _____
(Chairman)

Adjutant Signature

County

Below section to be completed when resolution is submitted from another authorized source.

John B. Sampson, Chairman
Name

Department Resolutions Committee
Title