

April 26, 2008

MEMORANDUM FROM Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Montana gathered in General Conference at the 36th Annual Convention in Billings, MT.

SUBJECT: Reauthorization of Resolution 06-08 to Resolution No. 08-08

Resolution for Continued Funding of the Montana Uniformed Servicemembers Group Life Insurance (SGLI) Premium Reimbursement Program

Resolution No. 08-08

Concerning: Providing continued funding of the Montana Uniformed Service Group Life Insurance (SGLI) Premium Reimbursement Program and including all Montana National Guard members regardless of deployment status or duty locations.

WHEREAS, Governor Schweitzer successfully introduced legislation during the 59th Legislative Session providing all Montana Uniformed Service members, serving in a contingent operation, a refund of their Servicemembers Group Life Insurance Program (SGLI) premiums up to \$16.25 per month. This premium reimbursement amount covered up to \$250,000 of life insurance protection for mobilized soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines. The program becomes void if the combination of Federal reimbursement of life insurance premiums and the death gratuity provide for a cost free protection for survivors totaling at least \$250K. While that has not happened yet there is a possibility of premium reimbursement from the Federal government of the amount for insurance coverage in excess of \$250K, up to \$400K. This \$150K premium free life insurance coupled with the \$100K Death Gratuity would trigger the contingent voidance of our existing state program; and

WHEREAS, a gesture by the state to recognize the service of all military members, who are citizens of Montana serving during the Global War on Terrorism, reimbursement of the full premium for SGLI would be appropriate. Our association should work to eliminate the voidance trigger in the current statute and include all members of the military, regardless of their duty status; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Montana, gathered here in General Conference on April 26, 2008 in Billings, Montana do request that the Legislature of the State of Montana during the 2009 Session to continue funding the Montana Uniformed Servicemembers Group Live Insurance (SGLI) Premium Reimbursement Program regardless of their deployment status or duty location; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Governor Brian Schweitzer, Senate President Mike Cooney, Senate Minority Leader Corey Stapleton, Speaker of the House Scott Sales, House Minority Leader John Parker.

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Date Approved

