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Go Fund Me Pages.

Situation: Some Legion Branches have started Go Fund Me pages to raise funds to help pay bills during the period of Branch closure caused by the COVID-19 outbreak. This type of online fundraising is in conflict with section 129 of the General By-Laws (GBL), which places geographical limitations on where Branches can appeal for financial assistance.

Decision: Section 129 of the GBLs is rescinded in its entirety effective immediately and until further notice.

With this action, Branch Go Fund Me pages are no longer in conflict with the GBLs and can proceed.

FUND RAISING 129. a. No Provincial Command or branch shall, at any time or in any manner, appeal for financial contributions or payments of money from the public or from the membership of the Legion, beyond the area in which such command or branch normally operates and exercises jurisdiction. b. For the purposes of this section, where there are two or more branches in any urban area, such area shall be such portion of the urban area and area adjacent thereto as the Provincial Command having jurisdiction may allot to such branch.

The authority to use the Go Fund Me platform, which contravened article 129 of the General By-laws, was authorized by DEC in support of branches. **It is not authorized for use for the Poppy Fund/Campaign.**