Subject: Cancellation of 2020 South Dakota American Legion Boys State Session

The current COVID-19 pandemic poses serious health risks, creating unprecedented responses from government and public health authorities and levels of uncertainty throughout our nation. Different parts of the country are seeing different levels of COVID-19 activity. The spread and its duration cannot be accurately predicted at this time.

Because of the uncertainties, the Board of Directors has made the decision to cancel the 2020 session of South Dakota American Legion Boys State that was scheduled for June 1, 2020, in Aberdeen, SD. The decision to cancel was very difficult as Boys State for 77 sessions has provided an amazing opportunity to learn about the South Dakota political process in an immersive environment. The safety, health and welfare of the boys is our highest priority.

At this time the Board of Directors is assessing options for next year that may provide an opportunity to those boys who will miss the 2020 session.

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