

**RESOLUTION No. 9**

**AMEND DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE V  
COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION**

**WHEREAS, from time to time it may be necessary to add a level of expertise when making a decision when dealing with legal matters binding Department by signature, and**

**WHEREAS, the Department Judge Advocate is not always a practicing Attorney, therefore**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that Article V Section 8 be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following;**

**ARTICLE V  
COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION  
Section 8**

**That the members of the Council of Administration require the advice and recommendations of the Department Judge Advocate and at times a qualified attorney prior to taking action on any legal matter that is to be signed by the Department, binding the Department of California.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this change shall take effect during the 2015-2016 VFW year.**

**Submitted by Howard Hagen  
State Commander**

To the Committee on **Resolutions**

The intent of this resolution is to ensure the best possible advice available when Department may become involved in matters that may/will legally bind the Department.