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American Legion Northridge Memorial Post #746 7015 North Dixie Drive Dayton, Ohio 45414

Notice of Intent to Reject and Opportunity for Hearing

For purposes of this Notice, the terms "you" or "your" shall refer to the organization "American Legion Northridge Memorial Post #746."

The Ohio Attorney General's Office hereby informs you that it intends to reject and deny your 2025 Electronic Bingo License Application for the following reasons:

1. Ohio Revised Code Section 2915.08 authorizes the Attorney General to issue bingo licenses only to those entities that qualify as a "charitable organization" as that term is defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 2915.01(H). Section 2915.01(H) of the Revised Code defines a "charitable organization" to include only those organizations that are "exempt from federal income taxation" under the Internal Revenue Code. You have failed to demonstrate that you are "exempt from federal income taxation" under the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, you do not qualify as a "charitable organization" and are ineligible to obtain a bingo license from the Attorney General's Office.

NOTICE: BECAUSE YOU DO NOT QUALIFY AS A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION AND YOUR PREVIOUS LICENSE HAS EXPIRED, YOU DO NOT HAVE BINGO PRIVILEGES AND CANNOT CONDUCT ANY BINGO GAMES. ANY CONDUCTING OF BINGO GAMES MAY RESULT IN ADDITIONAL ACTION BEING TAKEN.

2. Ohio Administrative Code agency 109:1-4-02 requires applicants and licensees to provide any information requested by the attorney general relating to licensing, endorsement or regulation; cooperate with the attorney general in investigations, hearings, and enforcement and disciplinary actions; and comply with all conditions, restrictions, requirements, orders, and rulings of the attorney general in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and this chapter. In violation of Rule 109:1-4-02, the Attorney General's Office provided you the opportunity to obtain an exemption from federal income taxation, but, after approximately two years, you have failed to obtain that exemption.

Pursuant to Section 119.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, you are entitled to a hearing on this matter if you timely request one. If you wish to request a hearing, the Attorney General's Office must receive the request from you within 30 days of the date of the mailing of this notice. You may email a request to the Attorney General's Charitable Law Section at <u>kimberly.bossman@ohioago.gov</u>. Alternatively, you may mail a request to:

Ohio Attorney General's Office Attn: Bingo Unit, Charitable Law Section 30 East Broad Street, 25th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215

In the event you timely request a hearing, you may appear in person and represent yourself or be represented by an attorney that is permitted to practice law in the State of Ohio.* At the hearing, you may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for and against you. In lieu of attending the hearing, you may also present your position, arguments, or contentions in writing.

*Be advised that, under Ohio law, corporations must be represented by an attorney authorized to practice law in this State and that individuals not so authorized may not appear and represent those entities. If you have any questions regarding your status, you should contact an attorney for further guidance.

Very respectfully yours,

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