March 30, 2020

Dear Members and Units of the Department of Indiana;

Since 1941 the American Legion Auxiliary Hoosier Girls State program has helped to develop tomorrow’s leaders by hosting a fast paced, hands-on immersive environment where delegates learn about city, county and state government. However, this year we are witnessing first-hand the COVID-19 pandemic which has spread worldwide, here in the United States, as well as right here in Indiana. We are continually receiving updates from medical professionals, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), as well as our state and local health officials. Because of these devastating updates it has forced the American Legion Auxiliary Hoosier Girls State to make some tough and responsible decisions to protect the health and safety of our delegates and volunteer staff.

As Director of ALA Hoosier Girls State, speaking on behalf of the Board of Directors, and in consultation with Jennifer Rose, our liaison at Trine University we have reached a decision. It is with tears and a heavy heart that I regret to inform you that:

American Legion Auxiliary Hoosier Girls State is cancelled for 2020

I sincerely appreciate the dedication of our Units and special volunteers in promoting this amazing program to ensure its ongoing success. Your commitment in this great program is an investment in our future leaders. However, we are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all involved. We will gather again in 2021 to make the “80th” session the best ever as we continue to promote our motto of, “Learning Today to Lead Tomorrow”.

To all Units and Contributing Sponsors, thank you very much for your involvement. You will be reimbursed for all delegate fees you submitted and the $35 Non-Refundable Fee if your unit did indeed pay them. Please be patient with us as this process will indeed take some time to accomplish. Many of the applications are still sitting in the high schools since their closing. We will work with the high schools to resolve any issues. Thank you for your understanding in this decision and we look forward to working with you again next year.

God Bless and stay safe as we celebrate 100 years of serving our heroes, our veterans.

Sincerely,
Denise Delaney-Wroben, Director
American Legion Auxiliary
Hoosier Girls State