

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
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Resolution No. 48: Reduce Immigration Levels

Submitted by: Americanism Commission

WHEREAS, The Census Bureau has reported that the United States population exceeds 281,421,900 and that current influx of legal immigrants total approximately 1 million annually; and

WHEREAS, During the period from 1940 to 1990, the U.S. population grew each decade by an average of 23.4 million; and

WHEREAS, The decade from 1990 to 2000 posted a population growth of 32.7 million, a 40 percent average increase over the previous five decades; and

WHEREAS, Based upon current population trends, the United States population will reach 300 million by the year 2006; and

WHEREAS, Immigration, both legal and illegal, and immigrant births account for the growth in population since 1972; and

WHEREAS, The population increase has placed great burdens on our nation's natural resources, housing, schools, medical facilities, government services and national security; and

WHEREAS, A reduction in legal immigration limits would help provide the quality of life most Americans desire; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 7-8, 2003, That The American Legion reiterate its longstanding opposition to any great influx of legal immigrants and that immigration be on a moderate and regulated scale in numbers that enable them to be readily absorbed into the culture and life stream of the United States of America.