Resolution No. 4: Support For Voter Registration and Voting Program
Submitted by: Americanism Commission

WHEREAS, The American Legion, since its inception, has promoted an active involvement by its members, posts and departments in the electoral process in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Numerous resolutions through the years have put The American Legion on record encouraging all eligible voters to vote on Election Day; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 136, 1952 National Convention, Get Out the Vote, established an American Legion voter education and participation program by the same name; and

WHEREAS, Our democratic republic is threatened by an apathetic populace who choose not to participate in our country’s electoral process; and

WHEREAS, Members of The American Legion, who vote in numbers exceeding the national average, have a unique opportunity to participate in the electoral process and to encourage others to do so as well; and

WHEREAS, The Get Out the Vote program is non-partisan and has for its purpose the encouragement of all eligible voters to register and participate in all elections; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 17-18, 2007, That The American Legion reiterates its longstanding commitment of service to the United States of America by recognizing and promoting the truest form of Americanism and personal responsibility to our government, the act of voting on Election Day; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion, through its Get Out the Vote program, encourage its members, posts, districts and departments to fully involve themselves in the electoral process by serving as poll volunteers, poll workers, by voting and by encouraging and assisting others to register and vote.