

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Resolution No. 10: 100th Anniversary Remembrance Of Our Comrades In The 1919
Centralia Tragedy
Origin: Americanism Commission
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WHEREAS, In 1919 the International Workers of the World (IWW), also known as Wobblies, was an international union organization linked by many with communism, had a reputation as being radical, and was in the midst of a long-standing feud with authorities and business figures in the region of Centralia, Washington; and

WHEREAS, On November 11, 1919, during a parade in Centralia, Washington, that was celebrating the first anniversary of Armistice Day, members of the local IWW chapter did shoot and kill four Legionnaires, including the commander of American Legion Grant Hodge Post No. 17, and did wound three other Legionnaires; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the 100th anniversary of what became known as the Centralia Tragedy; and

WHEREAS, It is entirely fitting that the memory of those Legionnaires having lost their lives in that violent and bloody incident be marked prominently and forever in the permanent history of The American Legion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 16-17, 2019, That The American Legion, in observance of the 100th anniversary of the tragedy that occurred during the 1919 Armistice Day parade in Centralia, Washington, does hereby give poignant remembrance of those Legionnaires who lives were so appallingly lost that day so that their memories do not fade.