Resolution No. 13: Tracking Of Veteran Unemployment In All U.S. Territories
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WHEREAS, Territory data is older and less detailed than data on the states; and
WHEREAS, The size of the territories varies greatly; and
WHEREAS, The largest territory, Puerto Rico, has as many veterans as some states, while
American Samoa, the smallest, is the size of a small county; and
WHEREAS, Data availability varies, and more items are available for the more extensive
territories; and
WHEREAS, Consequently, the format of the territories profile differs from the state profiles; and
WHEREAS, Most of the jobs in the U.S. territories are in small establishments; and
WHEREAS, American Samoa has about 7,700 employees and fewer than 500 establishments; and
WHEREAS, Currently, the Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics does not keep
track of U.S. territories unemployment rate for both the population as a whole and their veteran
population; and
WHEREAS, U.S. territories are left with the responsibility of tracking their unemployment
rate, through several different methods which may include local census bureau or regional surveys,
and would depend on the veteran to self-identify; 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 encourages legislation that would mandate the Department of Labor’s Bureau of
Labor Statistics to track not only the unemployment rate of the population of all U.S.
territories as a whole, but also the veteran community.