Resolution No. 6: 75th Anniversary of World War II
Origin: Internal Affairs Commission
Submitted by: Finance Commission

WHEREAS, Public Law 115-433, signed by the president on January 10, 2019, states the secretary of defense will conduct a series of events to commemorate The United States of America 75th anniversary of World War II, which will terminate on December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, During this period, the Department of Defense and each of the military services will conduct and participate in a series of commemorative events focusing on honoring WWII veterans, educating the American public on the war and the participation of the military, the engagement of the home front, and significant contributions to the country generated from the World War II period; and

WHEREAS, It is a time to thank the World War II veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices on behalf of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The official ending of World War II was September 2, 1945 when General Douglas MacArthur, accepted Japan’s surrender; and

WHEREAS, There are numerous events to be held across the country between now and December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, This resolution has been coordinated with the Media & Communications Commission and the Marketing Commission; 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 departments and posts work with state and local governments as well as military units for any 75th anniversary of World War II event held in their community honoring World War II veterans and their families; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the national Media & Communications Commission develop remembrance articles for distribution to departments/posts and consider dedicating a significant portion of the September 2020 The American Legion Magazine issue to the “Greatest Generation” for their contributions to the nation; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the national Marketing Commission develop a marketing plan to assist departments and posts in educating the American public on the significant accomplishments of this generation and The American Legion to the nation.