

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
May 5-6, 2021  
Virtual**

**Resolution No. 19: Oppose Deportation of Non-Citizen Immigrant Veterans  
Origin: Resolution No. 20 (TX) 2019 National Convention  
Submitted by: National Security Commission**

WHEREAS, The American Legion whole-heartedly supports the recruitment of our all-volunteer force and supports the recruitment of qualified men and women that have legal status in our country; and

WHEREAS, Non-citizen immigrants in the United States that have legal status living in the United States are eligible for military recruitment if they meet the necessary qualifications; and

WHEREAS, Numerous non-citizen immigrants from many different countries of origin have served proudly in the United States military and received many military honors in our wars to include the Medal of Honor, and some have paid the ultimate sacrifice giving their lives in service of our country; and

WHEREAS, Numerous non-citizen immigrants have either separated or retired and received honorable discharges to become United States citizens, while others have not yet completed their citizenship process; and

WHEREAS, Some of these military veteran immigrant patriots, after their honorable service, who have not completed the citizenship process, but have committed a non-felony, are under the threat of deportation, or have been deported; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion proudly supports all our military veterans who have served honorably under the motto that leaves no fellow veteran behind; now, therefore, be it,

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled virtually on May 5-6, 2021, That The American Legion supports proposed legislation allowing a military veteran immigrant patriot who either separated or retired and was honorably discharged not be deported for any non-felony, or if they were deported for a non-felony, that they are allowed to return to the United States; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That non-citizen immigrant veterans should be permitted to complete the process, as if they were still in the military toward lawful permanent residence and citizenship.**