

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
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**Resolution No. 12: Cybersecurity Protections for Veteran-Owned Small Businesses
Origin: Veterans Employment & Education Commission
Submitted by: Veterans Employment & Education Commission**

WHEREAS, Veteran-owned small businesses make up 9.15% of all U.S. businesses; and
WHEREAS, Attacks on small businesses impact the supply chain and affect larger private and public entities connected to them; and

WHEREAS, 43% of cyber-attacks target small businesses and 60% of them go out of business within six months following an attack; and

WHEREAS, Cybersecurity prevention is expensive, with 51% of small businesses not allocating a budget to risk mitigation; and

WHEREAS, Data has surpassed oil as the most valuable global commodity, and the need to protect data is a crucial matter of national security; and

WHEREAS, Veterans receive funding from the Small Business Administration (SBA) to start their small businesses; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the SBA that their grants create jobs that do not go to waste in the event of a cyber-attack on a funded small business; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 6-7, 2021, That The American Legion supports legislative policies that allocate funding for small business cybersecurity protection.