

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

**Resolution No. 8: National Global War on Terrorism Memorial Location
Origin: Internal Affairs Commission
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WHEREAS, One of the founding principles of The American Legion is, “To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars”; and

WHEREAS, From September 2001 through present, more than 2.8 million American soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen answered the call to aggressively pursue our nation’s enemies on fronts across the globe; and

WHEREAS, With an all-volunteer force they continue to fight in America’s longest war, which has so far resulted in more than 6,900 deaths and 50,000 wounded as a result of their commitment to freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, The Global War on Terrorism Memorial Foundation, a nonprofit organization incorporated in the state of Pennsylvania, is seeking congressional approval to build a memorial in Washington, D.C. on the National Mall, to remember the selfless contributions of multiple generations of Americans who have served and sacrificed over the past two decades, and to educate future generations of Americans and citizens around the globe about the fight against terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Senator Joni Ernst (IA) introduced Senate Bill 535 and Representative Jason Crow (CO-6) introduced H.R. 1115 in the 117th Congress, bipartisan bills that will authorize the establishment of a National Global War on Terrorism Memorial located on the National Mall; and

WHEREAS, The erection of this memorial should be funded through donations from the private sector and voluntary individual donations and at no cost to the federal government of the United States or the District of Columbia or from the corporate body of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is in favor of honoring these veterans with such a memorial in the area of the National Mall; 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 support the construction of a memorial dedicated to Global War on Terrorism veterans on the National Mall without financial obligation by The American Legion and to allow the site selection process to start soonest; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That our national American Legion media channels be utilized to advance awareness to our membership on the progress and site selection of the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial.