

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
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**Resolution No. 25: Filling of Vacant U.S. Ambassadorships
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WHEREAS, The U.S. ambassador to a foreign country or organization performs a key and essential role in U.S. foreign policy; and

WHEREAS, U.S. ambassadors represent the president of the United States in an official capacity in foreign nations and communities; and

WHEREAS, Ambassadors are charged with protecting and promoting national interests, maintaining diplomacy, organizing visits, welcoming visitors and supporting resolutions; and

WHEREAS, Ambassadors work to support U.S. interests in foreign countries and promote foreign policy strategies through international organizations; and

WHEREAS, The lack of a U.S. ambassador hampers the ability of the U.S. to promote its interests, and the absence of an ambassador in a country may be viewed as a sign by other countries that the U.S. does not take them seriously; and

WHEREAS, Since ambassadors serve as the face of U.S. foreign policy, leaving these vacancies unfilled makes it all the more difficult for the United States to lead on the global stage; and

WHEREAS, There are currently 190 ambassadorial positions worldwide, and of those 190 ambassadorial positions, 61 of those positions are currently not filled, 28 are pending approval by the U.S. Senate; and

WHEREAS, The vacancy of approximately 30% of the U.S. ambassadorial positions poses serious consequences for U.S. foreign policy, especially in key foreign countries such as the United Kingdom, Australia, India, Saudi Arabia, and South Korea; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 4-5, 2022, That the American Legion petition the president, the secretary of the Department of State, and the Congress of the United States to expeditiously fill open ambassador and other key foreign service positions.