

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
August 30, 31, September 1, 2022**

**Resolution No. 65: All Americans to be Registered for Selective Service
Origin: Illinois
Submitted by: Convention Committee on National Security
(As Amended)**

WHEREAS, The Selective Service System is an independent agency of the United States of America that maintains a list of information on American citizens potentially subject to military conscription and, during times of great need, performs work to ensure there is a ready force for draft into military service; and

WHEREAS, While the draft has not been used for an extended period of time, The American Legion believes that unless it is abolished, it must be maintained and must continue to adapt to the current state of affairs in our nation in order to provide the highest level of readiness, in case of future crisis or disaster that would call for the draft to be reinstated; and

WHEREAS, The United States military, for the majority of American history, excluded women from being allowed to serve in the U.S. military and therefore did not allow or require women or any other person that identified with a gender aside from male to be required or allowed to register with the Selective Service System; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. military proudly includes individuals identifying with any gender, including those that identify as being agendered, into service in the defense of our nation, and whereby The American Legion believes that service is both an obligation of citizenship and a privilege; and

WHEREAS, The United States would be well-served in any future conflict that would require military conscription to have a full and complete roster of Americans, regardless of gender, that are able to fight and to bring their valuable skills and perspectives in service of the nation; and

WHEREAS, There has been a long-standing sentiment of fairness that if any American should be subject to the draft, then all Americans should be subject to the draft in order to embody the trust and unity that this nation belongs to and must be defended by, all Americans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 30, 31, September 1, 2022, That The American Legion urges the U.S. Congress to revise the Selective Service System to require all Americans 18-25 to be registered for service in the case of military conscription.