

**SEVENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA  
SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 9, 1993**

**Resolution No. 104: Educate Americans about the Holocaust**

**Origin: Iowa**

**Submitted by: Convention Committee on Americanism**

WHEREAS, Fifty years ago, the tyranny of Nazi Germany manifested itself throughout Europe; and

WHEREAS, As a part of this tyranny Nazi Germany initiated a program to systematically eliminate the Jewish population and other "undesirables" in infamous concentration camps; and

WHEREAS, Over 6 million Jews and an equal number of other populations were exterminated in what has become known as the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of American Legionnaires in the service of their Country liberated and viewed first-hand the horrors and unspeakable crimes of Nazi concentration camps; and

WHEREAS, A recent Roper call indicated that over 20 percent of the American public thought it possible that the Holocaust never happened; and

WHEREAS, The world including the United States of America has witnessed the rise of neo-Nazis and other groups including the so-called "skin-heads" who maintain the Holocaust did not happen; and

WHEREAS, There appears a dearth of study about the Holocaust in the American educational system today; and

WHEREAS, The United States of America has recently dedicated a Holocaust museum in our Nation's capital; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 7, 8, 9, 1993, That it does condemn the false propaganda of the neo-Nazis and other groups who maintain the Holocaust is a hoax; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That The American Legion views with great alarm the activities of some neo-Nazi groups in the desecration of cemeteries and the placing of racist graffiti on homes and businesses of minorities; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That all American Legionnaires and indeed all Americans be urged to visit the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., to witness for themselves the evidence that the Holocaust did indeed occur; and be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That The American Legion with its deep interest in the educational system of America use all means available to encourage the study and discussion at all levels of education of the Holocaust and its meaning in the development of democracy and its values.**