

**SEVENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Resolution No. 159: Support the United States Bill of Rights

Origin: West Virginia

Submitted by: Committee on Americanism

WHEREAS, All rights contained within the Constitution of the United States reside with the National and State Governments; and

WHEREAS, The rights of individuals are contained within, and guaranteed by the first ten amendments to the Constitution of the United States; better known as the Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, The individual rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights has been under constant attack for many years by misguided, naive, or ambitious individuals, groups or politicians who would weaken and reinterpret these rights to make them fit their personal ideologies and ambitions without regard to the background and debates that went into the development of these individual rights; and

WHEREAS, The weakening of any one individual right guaranteed by the Bill of Rights weakens all rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, and when guaranteed individual rights are gone, then all rights reside with the government; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 6, 7, 8, 1994, That The American Legion reaffirm its commitment to, and support for the Bill of Rights.