

**FIFTY-SECOND NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Portland, Oregon  
September 1, 2, 3, 1970**

**Resolution No. 2: To Amend Article I, Section 6, National By-Laws by Redesignating the National  
Child Welfare Commission as the National Commission on Children And Youth**

**Origin: Resolution No. 4 (NEC) May 1970**

**Submitted By: Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments**

WHEREAS, The supplementary Report of the Task Force for the Future, submitted to the National Commander, recommended that commonly used American Legion terminology be made “understandable to the public and meaningful to veterans”; and

WHEREAS, Among the terms suggested as in need of change is “Child Welfare”; and

WHEREAS, The image survey conducted during the planning stages for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration clearly showed a misunderstanding on the part of the public and of some members of The American Legion concerning the Child Welfare Program, and it was evident that this misunderstanding stemmed primarily from public reaction against “Welfare” and was not based on the actual activities of The American Legion carried on under the Child Welfare program; and

WHEREAS, The Child Welfare Commission and the Area Child Welfare Conference held during the past year have agreed that the excellent programs carried on by this commission would be added by eliminating the term “welfare”; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 6, of the National By-Laws establishes the “National Child Welfare Commission”; and

WHEREAS, It was the consensus that the term “Welfare” as applied to the Child Welfare Commission is inappropriate and that the said commission would be more correctly and appropriately referred to and designated as the “National Commission on Children and Youth”; and

WHEREAS, The change in the name of this commission, as recommended herein, will not change the composition, purpose of functions of said commission but is a change in name only; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Portland, Oregon, September 1, 2, 3, 1970, That the “National Child Welfare Commission” be and it hereby is redesignated as the “National Commission on Children and Youth”; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That Article I, Section 6, line 2 and 3, of the National By-Laws be and it hereby is amended by deleting therefrom the words “National Child Welfare Commission” and substituting therefor the words “National Commission on Children and Youth”; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution proposing amendment to the National By-Laws of The American Legion be forwarded to the National Adjutant of The American Legion with a request that he cause it to be circulated to the several Department and members of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion by mailing the same to them at least twenty (20) days prior to the convening of the next National Convention, all as provided for under Article VIII of the National By-Laws of The American Legion.**