

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
October 18 - 19, 1972**

**Resolution No. 9: Oppose Legalization of Gambling on Major Sports Events**

**Origin: Americanism Commission**

**Submitted by: Americanism Commission**

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Baseball has called to the attention of the National Commander of The American Legion and the National Americanism Commission of The American Legion the evils that could occur if efforts to legalize betting on the outcome of major sporting events are successful; and

WHEREAS, The National Americanism Commission is vitally concerned in preserving the image of American Legion Baseball as a builder of character and sportsmanship among young Americans; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 18-19, 1972, That it supports the Commissioner of Baseball in his efforts to prevent legalization of gambling on Major League Baseball games and directs the National Americanism Commission to diligently protect The American Legion Baseball program.**