

**NINETY-EIGHTH NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
August 30, 31, September 1, 2016**

**Resolution No. 287: Programs and Organizations that Promote Child Safety  
Origin: Convention Committee on Americanism  
Submitted by: Convention Committee on Americanism**

WHEREAS, According to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, unintentional injury remains the leading cause of death among children ages 17 and under in the United States; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, every day, more than 22,770 children ages 17 and under were injured seriously enough to require medical treatment, totaling more than 8.3 million children each year; and

WHEREAS, The leading cause of death among children ages 17 and under are unintentional injuries; and

WHEREAS, A combination of education, environmental improvements, engineering modifications, enactment and enforcement of legislation and regulations, economic incentives, community empowerment and program evaluation is effective at reducing the incidence and severity of unintentional death and disability; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 30, 31, September 1, 2016, That The American Legion support appropriate legislation aimed at preventing or reducing unintentional injury among children and adolescents; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That The American Legion is authorized to collaborate with the leading national safety organizations as determined by the Americanism Commission to the end that The American Legion can maintain an effective role in the promotion of adequate child safety programs; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That departments and posts are encouraged to actively raise the public's awareness on organized safety commissions and are urged to actively promote child safety at the state and local levels.**