

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

**Resolution No. 309: Supporting the U. S. Economy and Increase U. S. Energy Security
Through a Canadian-American Pipeline
Origin: Convention Committee on Veterans Employment & Education
Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Employment & Education**

WHEREAS, The American Legion, the nation's largest veterans service organization, is a strong advocate for programs and policies that enhance our nation's economic strength, and national security, and opportunities for veterans and all citizens; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion's sense of obligation to community, state and nation drives honest advocacy for veterans in Washington; and

WHEREAS, The strength of our nation's economy relates directly to the economic opportunity available to veterans of the United States Armed Forces and all other citizens; and

WHEREAS, The proposed pipeline will increase our nation's energy security by delivering 700,000 barrels per day of North American Crude oil to our nation's refineries; and

WHEREAS, The construction of the currently proposed pipeline to transport oil from the oil fields in Canada and the American upper Midwest to the American refineries in the Gulf Coast will strengthen the economy and make the United States the second largest oil producer in the world; and

WHEREAS, This added stability will stimulate annual gains in American business activity including the immediate creation of 20,000 jobs and an expected additional 118,000 jobs in adjacent industries; and

WHEREAS, The pipeline will reduce the United States' dependency on foreign oil and prevent the future need to deploy American citizens to respond to potential disruption involving foreign conflicts, piracy or other unforeseen risks; and

WHEREAS, The Canadian oversupply of oil has been severely discounted as result of the current Administration's rejection of the permit for the XL Pipeline; and

WHEREAS, Canada resorted to courting China to invest in their oil reserve thereby giving China a large stake in North American oil supply; and

WHEREAS, America's veterans, who have been hit hard by the Great Recession and its aftermath, will benefit significantly from these economic gains; 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, in order to increase American energy self-sufficiency, promote the creation of 20,000 jobs, and improve the stability of the American economy, strongly recommend the permitting, construction and operation of the pipeline; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion urges all segments of the U.S. government pursue and grant all required permits necessary for the construction of the proposed pipeline without further delay.