

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
May 6-7, 2009**

**Resolution No. 39: Support Department of Defense Community Covenant Program**

Origin: National Security Commission

Submitted by: National Security Commission

WHEREAS, The Community Covenant is an initiative of the Secretary of the Army rolled out in early 2008 to invite communities (states, cities, and towns) across America to demonstrate their support for service members and their families in this time of war—the longest in the Nation’s history with an all-volunteer force; and

WHEREAS, From April to December 2008, 85 communities held ceremonies hosted by 19 Governors or Lt. Governors, 37 Members of Congress, 95 state legislators, and 216 Mayors and were attended by tens of thousands of supportive Americans; and

WHEREAS, Often, these events also became an opportunity for communities to demonstrate their support by announcing a new initiative or program of support for service members and their families; and

WHEREAS, Local American Legion members have already participated and supported Community Covenant signings; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the Department of Defense in 2009 is to offer every state, city and town in America the opportunity to host such a ceremony thereby demonstrating support for service members and their families; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is the largest, patriotic, wartime, veterans’ service organization with over 14,000 posts nationwide; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 6-7, 2009, That The American Legion support the Community Covenant Program; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That all Departments and Posts of The American Legion are encouraged to become involved in the upcoming Community Covenant Programs in their area.**