

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
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Resolution No. 16: Cursive Writing in 21st Century Schools

Origin: Committee on Youth Education

Submitted By: Americanism Commission

WHEREAS, The Common Core State Standards have abandoned the teaching of cursive writing; and

WHEREAS, Cursive writing promotes a stronger association of learning for memory while allowing students to create a sense of identity such as signing one's own name on legal documents; and

WHEREAS, Cursive writing is faster than printing and more likely to engage students by providing a better sense of personal style and ownership; and

WHEREAS, There is still a need to be able to read cursive, especially in the case of primary source documents; and

WHEREAS, Cursive writing is a powerful cultural and historical link to human development; and

WHEREAS, Cursive writing reinforces cognitive and motor skills; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has been encouraged by the growing number of school systems that are reviving cursive writing in the classroom; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 11-12, 2017, That The American Legion encourages school systems to maintain or re-introduce the implementation of cursive writing instruction in schools starting in third grade and reinforce the use of cursive writing through 12th grade.