Resolution No. 29: Rescind Resolution 20, NEC, October 13-14, 2010, Support a Veteran-Centric Website for Employment
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WHEREAS, The American Legion has identified the complicated hiring process followed by the Federal government and is seeking reform of that process; and
WHEREAS, The USAJobs.com website offers a confusing, multi-layered application process that involves questionnaires, essay style answers and a list of Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSA’s) that affect the overall rating of a veteran’s application; and
WHEREAS, It has been the finding of numerous surveys and studies that, for a variety of reasons, the vast majority of veterans of the armed forces are disadvantaged in pursuing civilian employment and careers; and
WHEREAS, There is no single job bank system nationwide that veterans can use to transition from military service to civilian life; and
WHEREAS, It is the intent and purpose of Congress that the Department of Labor (DOL), Veteran Employment and Training Service (VETS) provide the leadership, direction and oversight of all placement and employment services for veterans; and
WHEREAS, The Office of the Inspector General within DOL received recent reports which recommended that VETS increase its oversight of this program, which confirms that services for veterans be provided by the direction of, and subject to oversight by, Congress to ensure that all veterans are afforded such services in a uniform manner following completion of their service and return to their state of residence; and
WHEREAS, It is imperative that the new job bank system be developed to assist veterans in reaching employers and assist employers in reaching qualified veterans; consequently, it is necessary that the system be designed to only allow quality resumes and quality job openings; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 4-5, 2011, That The American Legion rescind Resolution 20, dated 13-14 October 2010, Titled: Support a Veteran-Centric Website for Employment because of the potential financial risks and obligations that may at some point negatively affect The American Legion.