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The American Legion Reaffirms Position for ‘Strong America’

INDIANAPOLIS (October 11, 2017) – In response to recent headlines about a divided country, The American Legion’s board of directors unanimously passed a national resolution titled “Reaffirmation for a strong America.”

In a meeting today in Indianapolis, the organization’s National Executive Committee passed the statement which reaffirms the Legion’s “unwavering support for the American way of life” under the U.S. Constitution, and “urges Americans and freedom-loving peoples everywhere to stand united in their respect” for each other, for military troops and law enforcement officials. It states that law enforcement officials “have the duty and responsibility of providing an orderly process to our way of life.”

“It’s time we spoke up and have our voice heard as we stand up for this country and for the principles upon which The American Legion was founded,” said Americanism Commission Chairman Rich Anderson, adding that the resolution calls for unity and respect. “It cannot be disputed that we are a nation of diverse people having diverse perspectives, but I am confident that coming together as Legionnaires and especially as proud Americans alike, that a 100 percent Americanism will persevere.”

A complete text of the resolution can be found on www.legion.org . With a current membership of 2 million wartime veterans, The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans affairs, Americanism, and youth programs. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through nearly 13,000 posts across the nation.

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