

**FORTY-SECOND NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Miami Beach, Florida
October 18, 19, 20, 1960**

**Resolution No. 163: Designate February 12 to February 22 as Americanism Days
Origin: Wisconsin
Submitted By: Convention Committee on Americanism**

WHEREAS, There is prevalent in the world today those who are openly and avowedly advocating the overthrow of all forms of government in favor of communism; and

WHEREAS, Ignorance of our communist adversaries is our greatest weakness in our struggle against the Soviet conspiracy to overthrow our government and way of life; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion, has through its thousands of veteran members, been dedicated to the preservation of our form of government against all aggressors; and

WHEREAS, The principles of the American way of life are personified in the exemplary lives of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln whose birthdays occur in the month of February; and

WHEREAS, We believe the most effective method of combating the present threat to our way of life is by observing a period of re-dedication of ourselves as Americans to our democratic form of government as embodied in the patriotism exhibited by two of our greatest presidents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Miami Beach, Florida, October 18, 19, 20, 1960, That the month of February be designated as Americanism Month to be observed annually by the nation as a whole; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That during such periods of re-dedication to Americanism, all organizations be urged to exert extraordinary efforts to apprise their members of the vitally serious nature of the communist threat to our nation of free people under God.