

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
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**Resolution No. 23: Rescinding Obsolete Resolutions Dealing with Child Welfare**  
**Origin: Child Welfare Commission**  
**Submitted by: Child Welfare Commission**

WHEREAS, In accordance with the resolutions of 1959 and 1960 National Conventions, the National Executive committee, through its Program Study Committee, has caused to be made a review of all non-legislative policy resolutions; and such action has been taken in further accordance with the action of the 1936 National Convention which established policy on the life of such resolutions; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 3-4, 1961, That the resolutions attached are rescinded by reason of (1) being obsolete, (2) accomplishment of purpose, (3) being superseded by later resolutions, (4) being in conflict with later resolutions, (5) being duplicated by later resolutions, (6) having no value because of later changes in program, (7) and for other reasons:**

**We recommend the following resolutions be rescinded for the following reasons:**

**Objective Accomplished**

1. Res. 539, Natl. Conv. 1951, Child Welfare Motion Picture Films. (p. 175)
2. Res. 511, Natl. Conv. 1942, Child Welfare Visual Instruction. (p. 192)
3. Res. 619, Natl. Conv. 1943, Child Welfare Visual Instruction program. (p. 197)
4. Res. 154, Natl. Conv. 1944, Motion Picture Films. (p. 204)
5. Res. 661, Natl. Conv. 1945, Increase Resources to Meet the Needs. (p. 212)
6. Res. 627, Natl. Conv. 1945, Child Welfare Movie and Radio Instruction. (p. 208)
7. Res. 812, Natl. Conv. 1946, Raising to Cabinet Level Administration of Federal Security Agency. (p. 225)
8. Res. 89, NEC, June, 1946, Protection of Federal Services to Children. (p. 215 -b)
9. Res. 753, Natl. Conv. 1948, Appreciation to George H. Keen. (p. 249)
10. Res. 426 Natl. Conv. 1948, Improvement in Visual and other Entertainment Programs of Interest to Children. (p. 248)
11. Unnumbered resolution, NEC, November 1948, 1950 White House Conference. (p. 253)
12. Res. 53, NEC, May 1955, Recognition to Basil O'Connor. (p. 371)
13. Res. 23, NEC May, 1959, 1960 White House conference on Children and Youth. (p. 415)

**Precedent Well Established**

1. Point 2, Natl. Conv. 1925 Child Welfare committee Report. (p. 16)
2. Points 2, 3, 4, Natl. Conv. 1932, Legislation. (p. 58-59)
3. Res. 536 and 538, Natl. Conv. 1951, Child Welfare Personal Service. (p. 178)
4. Res. 688, Natl. Conv. 1944, Department Cooperation in Providing Facilities for Department Child Welfare Chairman, (p. 203)
5. Res. 628, Natl. Conv. 1945, Child Welfare Instruction to the Posts. (p. 207)
6. Res. 140 and 329, Natl. Conv. 1945, Recommend Department Child Welfare vice Chairman for Each Department. (p. 209)

7. Res. 625, Natl. Conv. 1945 Cooperated with U.S. Children's Bureau. (p. 210)
8. Q. Res. 489, Natl. Conv. 1949, Child Welfare Publicity. (p. 263)

**Obsolete**

1. Point 6, Natl. Conv. 1923, Regional Home Schools. (p. 4)
2. Point 2, Natl. Conv. 1923, National Children's Welfare Committee. (p. 3)
3. Point 8, Natl. Conv. 1932, White House conference. (p. 60)
4. Point 21, Liaison Committee report to NEC, November 1940, cooperated with public and private agencies. (p. 164-6)
5. Res. 44, NEC, May, 1955, Approve Hoover commission Recommendations Regarding U.S. Children's Bureau. (p. 362)
6. Res. 317, Natl. Conv. 1953, Special Services to Departments. (p. 341)

**Superseded by Later Action**

1. Point 4 and 8, Natl. Conv. 1923, Child Placement and cooperation. (p. 4)
2. Point 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 Natl. Conv. 1925 Child Welfare Report. (p. 16-17)
3. 3. Points 1, 2, 3, NEC September 1937 Appointment of committees. (p. 124-b)
4. Point 6, report Child Welfare Liaison committee to NEW, November 1940, Area Child Welfare School Conferences. (p. 164-5), Point 17, op. Cit. Child Welfare Month. (p. 164-60)
5. Res. 540, Natl. Conv. 1941, Area Conferences. (p. 174)
6. Unnumbered Res. NEC, 1941, Area conferences. (p. 172-a)
7. Res. 512, Natl. Conv. 1942, Area conferences. (p. 193)
8. Res. 631, Natl. Conv. 1943, Area Conferences. (p. 198)
9. Res. 188, Natl. Conv. 1947, Visual and Radio programs beneficial to children. (p. 323)
10. Res. 5, NEC, May 1948, Poppy Funds. (p. 244)
11. Res. 6, NEC, May 1953, Area Conferences. (p. 330)
12. Res. 35, NEC, May 1954, Area conferences. (p. 349)

**We recommend the following resolutions be rescinded for the stated reasons:**

1. Res. 87, NEC, May 1950, Contribution for Mental Hygiene Program. (p. 275)
2. Res. 3, NEC, May 1950, Sex Crimes Against Children. (p. 270)
3. Res. 419, Natl. Conv. 1950, Prevention of Use of Narcotics Among our Juveniles. (p. 276)
4. Res. 630, Natl. Conv. 1951, 15-point Program Special Narcotics Committee. (p. 309)
5. Res. 155, Natl. Conv. 1952, 14-point Program to Fight Narcotics and Drug Evil. (p. 321)
6. Res. 61, NEC, May 1953, Gamma Globulin Program. (p. 331)
7. Res. 237, Natl. Conv. 1953, Vote of Confidence to Volunteers Affiliated with National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. (p. 337)
8. Res. 72, NEC, May 1954, Medical Care for Dependents of Service Persons. (p. 342)
9. Res. 48, NEC, May 1955, Medical Care for Dependents of Servicemen. (p. 350)
10. Res. 49, NEC, May 1955, Medical Care for Dependents of Servicemen not near Military Establishment. (p. 367)
11. Res. 26, NEC, May 1958, Funds for Child Welfare Services, Maternal and Child Health and Crippled Children's Services. (p. 404)
12. Res. 20. NEC, May 1958, Teenage Venereal Disease. (p. 398)
13. Res. 25, NEC, May 1958, Medical Care for Needy Children. (p. 403)

**Obsolete**

1. Res. 543, Natl. Conv. 1941, American Academy of Pediatrics. (p. 181)
2. Res. 243, Natl. Conv. 1952, Amend Federal Narcotics Law to Provide Stringent Penalties. (p. 313)

3. Res. 230, Natl. Conv. 1953, Establish a Children's Mental Hygiene Clinic in D.C. (p. 336)
4. Res. 582, Natl. Conv. 1954, Strengthen U.S. Customs Port Patrol to Stop Flow of Illegal Narcotics in the United States. (p.356)
5. Res. 403, Natl. Conv. 1956, Salk Vaccine Available to Children of Veterans Residing Abroad. (p. 386)
6. Res. 21, NEC, May 1956, Problem of VD in Teenage Youth. (p. 380)
7. Res. 75, NEC, October 1956, Salk Vaccine distribution Extended to Children of Veterans who were former American Nationals. (p. 388)
8. Res. 23, NEC, May 1958, Increase Funds for federal School Lunch Program. (p. 401)
9. Res. 362, Natl. Conv. 1959, Suppress Smuggling, Transportation and Sale of Narcotics to Children. (p. 421)

#### **War-Time Measures**

1. Res. 702, Natl. Conv. 1950, Re-establish an Emergency Maternity and Infant Care Program. (p. 248)
2. Res. 156, Natl. Conv. 1952, Emergency Maternity and Infant Care for Servicemen's Dependents. (p. 318)

#### **Superseded by Later Action**

1. Res. 475, Natl. Conv. 1949, Poliomyelitis. (p. 264)
2. Res. 49, NEC, May 1964, Smuggling of Narcotics into United States. (p. 351)
3. Res. 405, Natl. Conv. 1956, Urge More Stringent Laws for Peddling of Unauthorized Drugs and Narcotics. (p.383)

#### **Objective Accomplished**

1. Unnumbered Resolution, NEC, October 1926, Education of War Orphans through Legislation. (p. 23-a)
2. Res. 87, NEC, May 1939, State Scholarship Acts to include War Orphans. (p. 151)
3. Res. 44, NEC, May 1942, National Commander Scholarships. (p. 193-c)
4. Unnumbered Res. Natl. Conv. 1943, Education of Orphans of Veterans. (p. 199-b)
5. Res. 665, Natl. Conv. 1945, Education of Orphans of Veterans. (p. 212-c)
6. Res. 685, Natl. Conv. 1944, Spiritual Training for Children. (p. 200)
7. Res. 496, Natl. Conv. 1945, Education of Orphans of Veterans. (p. 212-a)
8. Res. 7688, Natl. Conv. 1946, Education of Orphans of Veterans. (p.227-a)
9. Res. 808, Natl. Conv. 1946, SPIRITUAL Training for Children. (p. 218)
10. EOVC Committee report, Natl. Conv. 1947, Federal Subsistence for Education of Orphans of Veterans. (p. 243-c)
11. Res. 54, NEC, November 1949, Eliminate National Commander Scholarships. (p. 266)
12. Res. 2, NEC, November 1950, National commander Scholarships. (p. 389)
13. Res. 1, NEC, May 1951, Education of Orphans of Veterans. (p. 292)
14. Res. 629, Natl. Conv. 1951, Subsistence Allowance for Orphans. (p. 308)
15. Res. 644, Natl. Conv. 1954, States Provide Educational Benefits for Orphans. (p. 357)
16. Res. 625, NEC, May 1955, P. L. 493 and 435 be amended. (p.370)
17. Res. 50, NEC, May 1955, Federal Scholarship Assistance. (p.368)
18. Res. 177, Natl. Conv. 1955, Federal Educational Assistance for Orphans. (p. 379)
19. Res. 38, NEC, May 1957, Amend O. L. 634. (p 389)
20. Res. 404, Natl. Conv. 1958, Awards for High School Students. (p. 407)
21. Res. 620, Natl. Conv. 1959, Distribute Policy Statement on Education. (p. 427)
22. Res. 286, Natl. Conv. 1959, Apprenticeship and Training of Youth. (p. 420)

23. Res. 600, Natl. Conv. 1959, Amend regulations of P. L. 634. (P. 419)
24. Res. 14, NEC, October 1959, Extend P. L. 634 to Orphans of Military Personnel. (p. 428)

#### **Obsolete**

1. Item 10 of report, Natl. Conv. 1936, Parenthood Training. (p. 124-a-1)
2. Res. 642, Natl. Conv. 1940, Education of Orphans of Veterans. (p. 166)
3. Res. 512, Natl. Conv. 1941, Education of Orphans of Veterans. (p. 182-a)
4. Res. 510, Natl. Conv. 1941, Education of Orphans of Veterans. (p. 182-b)
5. EOJ Committee report, Natl. Conv. 1947, Department commander Scholarships. (p. 243-d)
6. Res. 47, NEC, 1955, Program for Mentally Retarded. (p. 365)
7. Res. 53, Natl. Conv. 1957, Amend P. L. 634. (p. 392)
8. Res. 378, Natl. Conv. 1958, Amend P. L. 634. (p. 409)
9. Res/ 4. NEC, October 1958, Amend P. L. 634. (p. 413)
10. Res. 184, Natl. Conv. 1958, Amend Public Law 634. (p. 405)

#### **Wartime Measure**

1. Res. 497, Natl. Conv. 1945, Education of Orphans of Veterans. (p. 212-b)

#### **Superseded by Later Action**

1. EOJ Committee report, Natl. Conv. 1936, Education of Orphans of Veterans. (p. 123)
2. EOJ Committee report, Natl. Conv. 1937, Education of Orphans of Veterans. (p. 135-a)
3. Res. 640 and 641, Natl. Conv. 1940, Education of Orphans of Veterans. (p. 165)
4. Res. 7, NEC, November 1942, Education of Orphans of Veterans. (p. 193-a)
5. Res. 627, Natl. Conv. 1944, State Scholarships for Orphans. (p. 205-a)
6. Res. 61, Natl. Conv. 1954, Social Security Payments to Age 21. (p.355)
7. Res. 287, Natl. Conv. 1956, Technical and Scientific Training. (p. 385)
8. Res. 421, Natl. Conv. 1957, Scholarship and Loan Programs. (p. 397)
9. Res. 237, Natl. Conv. 1957, Veterans Children Scholarship Act. (p. 393)
10. Res. 366, Natl. Conv. 1958, Veterans Children Scholarship Act. (p. 408)
11. Res. 554, Natl. Conv. 1959, Veterans Children Scholarship Act. (p. 416-a)
12. Res. 218, Natl. Conv. 1959, Social Security Payments Beyond 18. (p. 418)
13. Res 787, Natl. Conv. 1946, National and Department commander Scholarships. (p. 227-a)

#### **We recommend the following resolutions be rescinded for the stated reasons:**

1. Item 13, Natl. Conv. 1938, Social Security Act, Puerto Rico. (p. 146)
2. Item 7, Natl. Conv. 1938, Aid to Dependent children (p. 141)
3. Res. 616, Natl. Conv. 1950, Social Security Act, Puerto Rico. (p. 162)
4. Res. 87, Natl. Conv. 1941, Aid to Dependent Children. (p. 179)
5. Res. 506, Natl. Conv. 1942, Aid to Dependent Children. (p. 187)
6. Res. 26, NEC 1942, Amend Social Security Act. (p. 193-b)
7. Res. 299, Natl. Conv. 1943 Social Security Credit for Armed Services. (p.199-a)
8. Res. 531, Natl. Conv. 1944, Regulations Be Altered—Veterans Entering Former Civilian Activities. (p. 206-a)
9. Res. 450. Natl. Conv. 1945, Social Security Credit for Those in Armed Forces. (p. 215-a)
10. Res. 90, NEC, June 1946, Aid to Dependent Children. (p. 215-c)
11. Res. 702 and 805, Natl. Conv. 1946, Aid to Dependent Children. (p. 216)
12. Res. 800, Natl. Conv. 1947, OASI for Deceased W. W. II Veterans. (p. 240)
13. Res. 801, Natl. Conv. 1947, OASI Related to Child Welfare. (p. 241)
14. Res. 803, Natl. Conv. 1947, Old Age and Disability Insurance. (p. 239)
15. Res. 797, Natl. Conv. 1947, Assistance for Relative Caring for dependent Children. (p. 236)

16. Res. 795, Natl. Conv. 1947, Definition Absence from the Home. (p. 234)
17. Res. NEC, May 1947, Old Age and Survivors Insurance. (p. 230)
18. Res. 802, Natl. Conv. 1947, Old Age and Survivors Insurance. (p. 238)
19. Res. 798, Natl. Conv. 1947, Federal Grants in Aid to States. (p. 237)
20. Res. 799, Natl. Conv. 1947, Social Security Benefits, Survivors of World War II Veterans. (p. 233)
21. Res. 754, Natl. Conv. 1948, Social Security Protection for Survivors. (p. 250)
22. Res. 294, Natl. Conv. 1949, social Security Credit for Time in Service. (p. 260)
23. Res. 3, NEC, May 1949, OASI—Men Killed in Service. (p. 255)
24. Res. 703, Natl. Conv. 1950, Define Absence from the Home. (p. 285)
25. Res. 236, Natl. Conv. 1951 Amend Social Security Act. (p. 300)
26. Res. 458, Natl. Conv. 1953, Social Security Benefits, Puerto Rico. (p. 323)
27. Res. 3, NEC, May 1953, Social Security Credits after 12-31-53. (p. 327)
28. Res. 1, NEC, May 1953, Eliminate Ceiling OASI. (p. 325)
29. Res. 22, NEC, May 1956, Strengthen Aid to Dependent Children. (p.31)

#### **Obsolete**

1. Items 4, 11, Natl. Conv. 1929, Veterans Family Compensation and Legislation. (p. 40)
2. Res. 12, Natl. Conv. 1930, Veterans Family compensation. (p. 47)
3. Item 29, Natl. Conv. 1933, Emergency Aid. (p. 84)
4. Res. Natl. Conv. 1943, Exemption of Family Allowance in S.S. (p. 199-c)
5. Res. 686, Natl. Conv. 1944, Locate Children of Veterans. (p. 202)
6. Res. 794, Natl. Conv. 1947, Desertion of Minor Children. (p. 237-a)
7. Res. 1, NEC, May 1949, social security, “Missing” Servicemen. (p. 256)
8. Res. 251, Natl. Conv. 1949, Child Desertion Federal Offense. (p. 261)
9. Res. 200, Natl. Conv. 1951, Aid to Dependent children. (p. 304)
10. Res. 5, NEC, 1951, Quarters Allowances Dependents Servicemen. (p. 296)
11. Res. 632, Natl. Conv. 1951, Quarters Allowances Dependents Servicemen. (p. 302)
12. Res. 219, Natl. Conv. OASI Coverage for Military Service. (p. 388)
13. Res. 310, Natl. Conv. 1955, Service Credits under Social Security. (p. 377)

#### **Superseded by Later Action**

1. Item 4, Natl. Conv. 1937, Aid to Dependent Children. (p. 125)
2. Res. 1, NEC, May 1950, Desertion and Non-support. (p. 280)
3. Res. 266, Natl. Conv. 1950, Desertion and Non-support. (p. 238)
4. Res. 4, NEC, 1953 Desertion and Non-support. (p. 280)
5. Res. 5, NEC, 1953, Desertion and Non-Support. (p. 328)
6. Res. 110, Natl. Conv. 1953, Definition of Child under Social Security. (p. 399)
7. Res. 595, Natl. Conv. 1957, Aid to Dependent Children, effective date. (p. 394)
8. Res. 3, NEC 1958, Aid to Dependent Children, effective date. (p. 412)
9. Res. 22, NEC, May 1958, Funds for General Relief Purposes. (p. 400)
10. Res. 1, NEC, October 1958, Funds for General Relief Purposes. (p. 410)

**We recommend the following resolutions be rescinded for the reasons stated:**

#### **Objective Accomplished**

1. Res. 50, NEC, 1946, Campus Children. (p. 226)
2. Res. 796, Natl. Conv. 1947, Foster Home Care for Children. (p. 235)
3. Res. 38, NEC, 1949, Youth Rehabilitation Program. (p. 267)
4. Res. 340, Natl. Conv. 1950, Stress Juvenile Delinquency Program. (p. 278)

5. Res. 50, NEC, May 1954, Child Welfare Services Reimbursement Formula. (p. 402)
6. Res. 643, Natl. Conv. 1954, Cooperate in Self-Regulation Comic books. (p. 358)
7. Res. 446, NEC, May 1955, Improve Comic Books. (p. 364)
8. Res. 591, Natl. Conv. 1955, Approve Comic Book Code. (p. 375)
9. Res. 597, Natl. Conv. 1957, Study Residence Laws. (p. 396)
10. Res. 24, NEC, May 1958, Child Welfare Services Reimbursement Formula. (p. 402)

#### **Obsolete**

1. Point 21, Liaison Committee report to NEC, November 1940, Cooperate with Approved Child Welfare Agencies. (p. 164-6)
2. Res. 632, Natl. Conv. 1943, Community Coordinated Councils. (p. 195)
3. Res. 259, Natl. Conv. 1946, Radio Programs for Children. (p. 223)
4. Res. 405, Natl. Conv. 1953, "Give Them This Day: program (Korea). (p. 344)
5. Res. 117, Natl. Conv. 1959, Parents Responsibility Juvenile Delinquency Formula. (p.402)

#### **Wartime Measure**

1. Res. 509, Natl. Conv. 1942, Day Care for Children of Employed Mothers. (p. 190)

#### **Superseded by Later Action**

1. Item 5, Natl. Conv. 1934, Care and Protection of Juveniles. (p. 92)
2. Report, Child Welfare Chm. to NEC, May 1939, Juvenile Delinquency. (p. 149-a)
3. Item 3, Res. 363, Natl. Conv. 1940, Juvenile Delinquency Prevention. (p.163)
4. Points 6 and 17, Liaison Committee report to NEC, November 1940, Area Child Welfare School conference and Child Welfare Month. (p. 164-4-5)
5. Res. 811, Natl. Conv. 1946, Juvenile Delinquency. (p.224)
6. Res. 225, Natl. Conv. 1946, Obscene Literature. (p.224)
7. Res. 581, Natl. Conv. 1952, Juvenile Delinquency. (p. 314)
8. Res. 12, NEC, October 1953, Juvenile Delinquency. (p. 348)
9. Res. 547, Natl. Conv. 1953, Stop Distribution Obscene Literature. (p. 345)
10. Res. 43, NEC, May 1944, Juvenile Delinquency. (p. 360)
11. Res. 348, Natl. Conv. 1955, Obscene Literature Excluded from Mails. (p. 371)
12. Res. 21, NEC, 1958, Juvenile Delinquency Services. (p. 399)
13. Res. 215, Natl. Conv. 1948, Rid newsstands of Obscene Literature. (p. 406)
14. Res. 186, Natl. Conv. 1959, Citizens for Decent Literature. (p. 415)
15. Res. 2, NEC, October 1948, Juvenile Delinquency Services. (p. 411)
16. Res. 328, Natl. Conv. 1959, Juvenile Delinquency. (p. 422)

**Note:** Page numbers refer to Child Welfare Divisions' Book of Resolutions.