

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
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Resolution No. 30: A Day to Remember

Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, the unprovoked attacks of September 11, 2001, upon America by foreign terrorists have thrust the United States, and other countries, into a war it never envisioned, militarily or diplomatically; and

WHEREAS, this new great unknown and uncertainty has woven itself into all the threads of society; and

WHEREAS, the challenges facing all the civilized people of the world as they relate to the war on terrorism will not end until those fanatics are eliminated or brought to justice; and

WHEREAS, America is fully committed through the Operation Enduring Freedom campaign to ensure our freedoms remain unfettered and sovereign for all generations, now and forever; and

WHEREAS, world opinion needs to remain focused upon the eradication of these inhuman acts perpetrated around the globe; and

WHEREAS, one way to accomplish this is to NEVER FORGET that those innocent victims did not die in vain; and

WHEREAS, America can fight back by reminding the world the deaths of these people will always be remembered and they will be forever loved; and

WHEREAS, A noble and appropriate way to accomplish this is through the annual celebration of their living; and

WHEREAS, This commemoration should be held each September 11th throughout the land with a tribute to include:

- The promotion of global peace and goodwill;
- The demonstration of America's resolve and perseverance to win the war on terrorism;
- The advancement of responsible citizenship;
- The encouragement of patriotism and love of country; and
- The poignant remembrance of those innocent victims that needlessly died on September 11, as heroes, one and all;

now therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 8-9, 2002, That it does affirm its support and encourage the members, Posts, and Departments of The American Legion to honor the victims of 9-11 by planning and executing an appropriate annual patriotic or memorializing event in the community on that September date so their memories do not fade.