

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 9-10, 2018**

Resolution No. 14: Oppose the Cessation of the Department of Defense Hiring Heroes Program

Origin: Veterans Employment & Education Commission

Submitted By: Veterans Employment & Education Commission

WHEREAS, The Department of Defense (DoD) Hiring Heroes Program provides continuing outreach, recruitment assistance products and services to wounded, ill, injured and transitioning servicemembers, veterans, spouses and primary caregivers through organizing and conducting specialized career fairs to increase awareness of job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, On November 9, 2009, President Obama signed the "Employment of Veterans in the Federal Government," Executive Order 13518 making hiring veterans a top priority in all federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, The career fairs bring DoD Agencies, other federal agencies and private sector corporations together to market and offer career opportunities; and

WHEREAS, DoD's Hiring Heroes Program provides veterans with multiple avenues to ask questions and discuss employment with a career advisor; and

WHEREAS, The DoD Hiring Heroes Program manages nationally-recognized Hiring Heroes career networking events specifically designed to help severely injured servicemembers transition to federal and private sector careers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 9-10, 2018, That The American Legion support legislation on the continuation of Department of Defense (DoD) Hiring Heroes Career Fairs, through which DoD Hiring Heroes organizes and conducts career fairs throughout the U.S. and provides career guidance, resume writing workshops, and interviewing skills training; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion support legislation that will allow DoD Hiring Heroes staff members to provide briefings about DoD career opportunities to separating active duty servicemembers and their families during Transition Assistance Program classes at various military installations.