Resolution No. 101: Support for Continuation of Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program
Origin: Convention Committee on Veterans Employment & Education
Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Employment & Education

WHEREAS, The American Legion is a national organization of veterans who have dedicated themselves to the service of the community, state and nation; and
WHEREAS, The fourth stanza of the Preamble to The American Legion Constitution affirms For God and Country we associate ourselves together "To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation"; and
WHEREAS, In 2007, a bipartisan Congress created the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program and President George W. Bush signed the program into law to encourage individuals to enter and continue to work in full-time public service jobs after graduation; and
WHEREAS, The PSLF program is a valuable recruitment incentive for the Department of Veterans Affairs to hire and retain qualified staff, and for the service branches to recruit and retain servicemembers with outstanding student loan debt; and
WHEREAS, While policy adjustments to ensure long-term sustainability and affordable tuition will be deliberated upon, The American Legion remains bound by its founding documents to not allow a culture of honoring service to community, state and country to erode; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 28, 29, 30, 2018, That The American Legion support legislation and/or administrative rulemaking that protects and enforces veterans access to Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program as originally drafted; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion support legislation and/or administrative rulemaking that protects the eligibility of Department of Veterans Affairs and veterans service organizations employment for public service loan forgiveness.