

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
October 17-18, 2018**

**Resolution No. 10: Support of the Veteran's Creed  
Origin: Internal Affairs Commission  
Submitted By: Internal Affairs Commission**

WHEREAS, The American Legion has since its founding in 1919 dedicated itself to the service of veterans, their families, active servicemembers and the local communities where we live; and

WHEREAS, One of the reasons The American Legion exists is "...To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy ..."; and

WHEREAS, The Veteran's Creed is very similar to the U.S. Army's Soldiers Creed which has the intent to underline the "altruistic ethos of veterans themselves"; and

WHEREAS, Many veterans across America, seek to continue to make a difference in their communities and across our country; and

WHEREAS, Many veterans continue to take their oath of allegiance to their country and brothers and sisters in arms seriously; and

WHEREAS, In the fall of 2017, veterans groups worked with Georgetown University, located in Washington, D.C., to establish a Veteran's Creed whose intent was to inspire veterans to continue to serve and lead in service to their communities and country; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion can use the Veteran's Creed as a rallying point for our brothers and sisters in arms to understand that our mission is far from over; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 17-18, 2018, That The American Legion support, by appropriate means, the Veteran's Creed and its eight points; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That The American Legion publish the Veteran's Creed as follows in the Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies:**

- 1.) I am an American Veteran**
- 2.) I proudly served my country**
- 3.) I live the values I learned in the military**
- 4.) I continue to serve my community, my country and my fellow veterans**
- 5.) I maintain my physical and mental discipline**
- 6.) I continue to lead and improve**
- 7.) I make a difference**
- 8.) I honor and remember my fallen comrades**