

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

**Resolution No. 13: Exclude TRICARE Election from the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program**

**Origin: Resolution No. 43 (MN) 2018 National Convention**

**Submitted By: National Security Commission**

WHEREAS, The Affordable Care Act requires you to maintain basic health care coverage, called minimum essential coverage; and

WHEREAS, TRICARE health plans including TRICARE Reserve Select meet the minimum essential coverage; and

WHEREAS, TRICARE is a health program for National Guard/reserve members including Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, U.S. Coast Guard Reserve and their families; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Selected Reserve (and their families) who meet the following qualifications are eligible: not on active duty orders, not covered under the Transitional Assistance Management Program, not eligible for or enrolled in the Federal Employees Health Benefits program; and

WHEREAS, Under current law federal agencies will not allow currently serving National Guard or reservists to use their Department of Defense TRICARE health plan; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion strongly supports the hiring of veterans although employment with a federal agency like the Department of Veterans Affairs are less attractive for guard/reserve members because of losing their TRICARE benefit plan upon being hired; 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 TRICARE be an accepted coverage plan within federal agencies allowing members of the National Guard and reserve to use their TRICARE health plan upon hiring and be excluded from having to elect from the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.**