

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

**Resolution No. 14: Establish Gold Star Families Program  
Origin: National Security Commission  
Submitted By: National Security Commission**

WHEREAS, Gold Star Families have suffered and share in their servicemembers ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Gold Star survivors are entitled to services and benefits based on service related death of their family member; and

WHEREAS, Gold Star families are part of The American Legion family; and

WHEREAS, The nation owes the fullest support possible to our Gold Star Families; and

WHEREAS, These families are not always aware of the benefits and support available;  
and

WHEREAS, The nation owes our fallen servicemembers, honor, dignity, remembrance, and respect for giving their lives for their country; and

WHEREAS, We will pursue policies to ensure they are given the best our country has to offer them and remember their families left behind by caring for them and welcoming them into The American Legion Family as well; 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 establishes a program that will provide a network of support for Gold Star Families by assisting with connecting them to other families and providing benefits awareness.**