

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
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**Resolution No. 21: Support Reasonable Set-Aside of Federal Procurements and Contracts
Origin: Veterans Employment & Education Commission
Submitted By: Veterans Employment & Education Commission**

WHEREAS, Government small business assistance for all honorably discharged veterans dates back to the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944; and

WHEREAS, Veterans have provided selfless military service to America and previous generations of veterans have achieved significant self-employed small business success in America; and

WHEREAS, Present policies and legislation ensure that not all veterans receive the same opportunity to prosper as small business owners, undermining their opportunity to succeed as part of the Department of Defense or government's supplier base that is central to ensuring America's success in the War on Terrorism, and America's success in the international economic systems; and

WHEREAS, Veterans programs should never be at a disadvantage in competing with other government programs established by law; 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 will support development and passage of federal, state and local veteran business development legislation to provide assistance to all veterans, to ensure opportunities exist for veterans to start or grow a small business; this includes the expansion and improvement of all entrepreneurship programs, loan programs and numerical goals for all veterans to compete in government procurement; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion support legislation ensuring parity for veterans in all state and federal small business programs; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 154 approved by the 2016 National Convention titled, Support Reasonable Set-Aside of Federal Procurements and Contracts is hereby superseded and rescinded.