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OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Resolution No. 162: In Vitro Fertilization
Origin: Pennsylvania
Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

WHEREAS, One of the Four Pillars of The American Legion is Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has always supported quality of life features for our military, veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, The morale of the veteran and his family is a key part of his or her rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, Some veterans because of their injuries cannot have children without the assistance of reproductive technology; and

WHEREAS, The wars of the last decade have seen thousands of veterans leaving them unable to have children; and

WHEREAS, The Veterans Health Care Act of 1992 prohibits the Department of Veterans Affairs from paying for In Vitro Fertilization, yet if they were still on active duty, the United States Government would pay for this treatment; and

WHEREAS, Money should not be the reason not to help these veterans become a family that should be a common right; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 30, 31, September 1, 2016, That The American Legion urges Congress, the Administration and the Department of Veterans Affairs to properly fund an In Vitro Fertilization program .