ONE-HUNDREDTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Resolution No. 1: Minneapolis Reaffirmation of 2018 (Special)
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WHEREAS, In November 1919, delegates to The American Legion's first National Convention in Minneapolis established its values of service to community, state and nation, as proclaimed in its Preamble to the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Those values would form The American Legion's four pillars upon which our great organization of men and women still stands; and

WHEREAS, These pillars remain in place to support veterans, national security, patriotism, and the children and youth of America, who are the future of our great nation; and

WHEREAS, Upon these pillars The American Legion has built programs with unparalleled impact on American society during its first century of service; and

WHEREAS, Our forebears would surely stand today, a century after their first National Convention, and say of us, "Well done"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 28, 29, 30, 2018, That we express our eternal gratitude for the wisdom of our founders in this, the beginning of our 100th anniversary, by confirming anew our commitment to their principles unto a second century of service; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That in affirmation of our consistent values, we pledge our unrelenting vigilance on behalf of the United States, its fallen warriors, our fellow veterans, and their families; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That we honor those who served before, serve those in the military today and prepare the future for those who are yet to serve; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm the U.S. flag to be the premier unifying symbol of the United States, a great and beloved nation born of diversity and nurtured under that banner which has draped the caskets of millions of American veterans; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That we believe that each post is a community-based wartime veterans organization known for helping all veterans, families and youth in the community and with the understanding that social programs will not supersede the reason The American Legion was founded in 1919 which was service first and leaders at every level be prepared to answer why The American Legion is relevant in their communities; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm to the generations yet unborn their inheritance of a national legacy no less grand than that of our founders and to which we today are heirs: a free nation; strong, united and flourishing in peace and prosperity; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm to our nation's defenders, and the citizens they serve, our dedication to national sovereignty and security so inviolable as to render America forever free from aggression and domination by those who would do us harm; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm the principle of citizen soldiery by our unqualified support and dedication to those who, in times of war and peace, answer the call to service in our armed forces; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm to all Americans our commitment to the principle of government of the people, by the people, and for the people, a principle best embodied by national leadership unfettered and free from foreign influence and domestic distractions, ever alert to the failures of policy by which the constraints on war are based; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That in our second century our primary mission is to connect and engage with veterans and their families in our communities and provide training and education for them in our basic principles in order to empower them to conduct our Four Pillar programs throughout their communities; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That by the witness of the men and women of all free nations, and in the presence of our Creator, we do hereby commend this affirmation to all in whom these sentiments ring true.