NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
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Resolution No. 38: Proper Display, Care and Respect of the American Flag
Origin: Res. No. 239 (MO) 2010 Natl. Conv.
Submitted by: Americanism Commission

WHEREAS, The proper display of the United States flag is a cornerstone of flag respect and etiquette; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is recognized as one of the country's foremost authorities on the proper display of the United States flag; and

WHEREAS, Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 8(k), United States Code states: "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning"; and

WHEREAS, Displaying a frayed, tattered, ripped, torn, faded, or otherwise unserviceable United States flag is considered a breach of flag etiquette; and

WHEREAS, A Dignified Disposal of Unserviceable Flags Ceremony is included in The Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 4-5, 2011, That The American Legion at all levels encourage its membership, the general public, and all local, state and federal government agencies to display United States flags that are fitting emblems for display; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That American Legion Posts are encouraged to promote and conduct a Dignified Disposal of Unserviceable Flags Ceremony as a part of their community service efforts.