NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Resolution No. 20: Support of an Acting Operator for Deployed Servicemember's Small Business
Origin: Veterans Employment & Education Commission
Submitted By: Veterans Employment & Education Commission

WHEREAS, For years, members of the National Guard, reserve, and active-duty components of the United States Armed Forces have played a crucial role in preserving and protecting the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, These servicemembers help develop and promote small businesses in the United States, and play a critical role in the country's economic growth and stability; and

WHEREAS, Small business ownership, especially when coupled with membership in the National Guard, reserves, or active-duty often comes with significant challenges, such as deployments, making successful small business ownership an even tougher challenge; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 11-12, 2017, That The American Legion recommends that in a situation where a servicemember is absent from operating a business due to deployment, a designated manager may operate the servicemember's business without losing the veteran-owned small business characterization of the business for contracting purposes.