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Resolution No. 13: Tracking Of Veteran Unemployment In All U.S. Territories
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WHEREAS, Territory data is older and less detailed than data on the states; and

WHEREAS, The size of the territories varies greatly; and

WHEREAS, The largest territory, Puerto Rico, has as many veterans as some states, while American Samoa, the smallest, is the size of a small county; and

WHEREAS, Data availability varies, and more items are available for the more extensive territories; and

WHEREAS, Consequently, the format of the territories profile differs from the state profiles; and

WHEREAS, Most of the jobs in the U.S. territories are in small establishments; and

WHEREAS, American Samoa has about 7,700 employees and fewer than 500 establishments; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics does not keep track of U.S. territories unemployment rate for both the population as a whole and their veteran population; and

WHEREAS, U.S. territories are left with the responsibility of tracking their unemployment rate, through several different methods which may include local census bureau or regional surveys, and would depend on the veteran to self-identify; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 16-17, 2019, That The American Legion encourages legislation that would mandate the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics to track not only the unemployment rate of the population of all U.S. territories as a whole, but also the veteran community.