NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Indianapolis, Indiana

Resolution No. 21: Support the Transfer of the Duties and Responsibilities of the Center of Verification and Evaluation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to the Small Business Administration
Origin: Veterans Employment & Education Commission
Submitted by: Veterans Employment & Education Commission

WHEREAS, The Center for Verification and Evaluation (CVE) in the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) program is charged with verifying the eligibility of service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSBs) and veteran-owned small businesses (VOSBs) for set-aside and sole-source contracting opportunities within the Department of Veteran Affairs; and

WHEREAS, On January 1, 2023, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs will transfer the functions of the Center for Verification and Evaluation to the Small Business Administration (SBA) in accordance with Section 862 of the FY 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA); and

WHEREAS, The transfer will attempt to streamline the certification process for veteran-owned small businesses by merging certification authority under a single entity within SBA, which will serve as the sole government-wide SDVOSB certification program; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has expressed the need for SBA to secure adequate funding to process the influx of requests that it will receive once the self-certification program is ended; 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, 2022, That the American Legion formally endorse the transfer of the duties and responsibilities of the Center for Verification and Evaluation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to the Small Business Administration.