NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Resolution No. 1: North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) Assessment
Origin: Resolution No. 25 (VA) 2023 National Convention
Submitted by: National Security Commission

WHEREAS, The North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) was instituted as a distinctive bi-national military organization by an agreement on May 12, 1958, between the governments of Canada and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, The current three-fold mission of NORAD is to conduct aerospace warning, aerospace control, and maritime warning in defense of North America; and

WHEREAS, The NORAD command and its missions have evolved over the years to address the continuing changes in the nature of threats to North America; and

WHEREAS, The nature of the threats to North America continues to evolve and now include hypersonic weapons operated by adversaries such as the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation; and

WHEREAS, The recent intrusion and violation of United States national airspace sovereignty by the People's Republic of China using a steerable unmanned surveillance balloon generated widespread national public concern about the current strategy, capabilities and procedures employed by the NORAD organization and its supporting elements; 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, 2023, That The American Legion urges the president, in coordination with the prime minister of Canada, to direct an enterprise-wide assessment of the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and its supporting elements to identify any critical gaps in organization, strategy, capability, procedures and any other area that need closure for NORAD to sufficiently address evolving threats to ensure the security of North America; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion strongly urges sufficient funding to modernize NORAD in support of closing all critical gaps necessary to sufficiently address evolving threats.