NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
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Resolution No. 15: United States Census to Include Veterans Information
Origin: Register Resolution No. 2872 (IL) Department Convention
Submitted by: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

WHEREAS, The American Legion is a national organization of veterans who have dedicated themselves to the service of the community, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, For over 230 years our brave men and women have served this country in the armed forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Every ten years the U. S. Census is taken and currently does not ask U.S. citizens to identify if they served in the active military, National Guard or reserve; and

WHEREAS, Veterans benefits and facilities, e.g. national cemeteries, community-based outpatient clinics, are allocated to states based on veteran populations which are currently estimated based on sampling; and

WHEREAS, Each census therefore does not accurately reflect the true number of veterans, National Guard and reserve populations and as a result inaccuracies exist; and

WHEREAS, This is a disservice to the men and women who have served our country in time of peace and war; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 8-9, 2025, That The American Legion strongly support any legislation that mandates the U. S. Census Bureau modify its Title 13, United States Code requirements to include veteran, National Guard and reservist data on any further census.