ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Resolution No. 32: Cancer Research and Awareness
Origin: California
Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

WHEREAS, The Department of California has lost Autrey James and Jere Romano, two of California's last four past department commanders to cancer; and

WHEREAS, In 2022, The American Legion recognized the implications for the health of veterans who experienced toxic exposure by supporting and helping to pass the Honoring Our PACT Act; and

WHEREAS, Since the PACT Act's passage through December 31, 2025, the cumulative total PACT Act-related claims submitted reached over 3.2 million, with over 3 million claims completed and 2.2 million approved; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Veterans Affairs is well positioned with the target market and a reputation in the medical research field to take on the prevention, care and the search for cures to cancer; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is the largest voice for the advocacy of veterans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Louisville, Kentucky, September 1, 2, 3, 2026, That The American Legion promotes the idea of a War on Cancer; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion will actively promote cancer awareness to the veteran community, paired with advice to have regularly scheduled screenings via the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA); and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion promote, support and lobby for research to prevent, treat and cure all toxic exposure ailments, including the more than 20 cancers that are now presumed to be service connected; and, be it finally

RESOVED, That The American Legion leverages its influence to take advantage of the unique position that the VA must lead the fight against toxic exposure ailments including cancer for the overall health of veterans, which will also benefit the greater population.