



# AMERICANISM eBulletin



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## FEBRUARY IS AMERICANISM MONTH

The passage of Resolution No. 163 at the 1960 National Convention in Miami, Fla., established February as Americanism Month. During this annual observance, we should all reflect upon what it means to be an American and rededicate ourselves and our posts to taking action that will uphold the principle of “a 100 percent Americanism.” Americanism, one of the Legion’s four pillars, is the love of America, loyalty to its ideals and institutions, allegiance to its flag, willingness to defend it against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and a desire to advance the blessings of liberty to future generations.

During its national fall meetings in 2017, the National Executive Committee reaffirmed The American Legion’s unwavering support for the American way of life under the U.S. Constitution by resoundingly and unanimously passing Resolution No. 1 titled Reaffirmation For A Strong America. It is a resolution that was proudly introduced by the Americanism Commission. It urges Americans and freedom-loving peoples everywhere to stand united in their respect for each other and for military troops and law-enforcement officials, and calls for respect of the symbols and customs that serve as tangible images of the freedom and liberties of our nation. The American Legion is solid upon its foundation of the guiding principles upon which it was founded, remains bonded together regardless of race or creed or gender, and gives wholehearted support to patriotic endeavors that are for the good of our country.

I can think of no better way to observe Americanism Month than by once again reading, sharing, and most importantly, exemplifying a “100 percent Americanism” through the support of the ideals put forth in Resolution No. 1. The full text of the resolution is located on the following page.

The legacy of Americanism is a legacy worth preserving, not only to honor those men and women who have served and laid down their lives to secure our freedom, but to ensure that our freedoms and way of life are secure for generations to come. During Americanism Month, let us rededicate ourselves to a 100 percent Americanism for 100 percent of the year!

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
OCTOBER 11 - 12, 2017**

**Resolution No. 1: Reaffirmation for a Strong America  
Origin: Americanism Commission  
Submitted By: Americanism Commission**

WHEREAS, There are forces at work within our country which threaten to fray the social fabric of our great nation and our American ideals; and

WHEREAS, That we of The American Legion associate ourselves together to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to foster and perpetuate a 100 percent Americanism, and by this statement deplore any actions by groups, individuals, and organizations who oppose the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, Events have taken place in our nation aimed at destroying American lives, and which attack the very basic core values of freedom, democracy and respect for human life; and

WHEREAS, We disavow those dissenters in our society who use rioting, injury to others, destruction of property, disregard of the law, and blatant disrespect to America's revered symbols of freedom and liberty as a means for expressing their views; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion remains solid upon its foundation of the four pillars and guiding principles upon which it was founded; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion remains bonded together regardless of race or creed or gender and gives wholehearted support to patriotic endeavors that are for the good of our country; 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, 2017, That The American Legion reaffirms its unwavering support for the American way of life under the Constitution of the United States of America; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That The American Legion pledges support to the leaders of our government, armed forces and law enforcement agencies who have the duty and responsibility of providing an orderly process to our way of life; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That The American Legion urges all Americans and freedom-loving peoples everywhere to stand united in their respect for officials at all levels of government; for military troops and law enforcement officers who place themselves in harm's way to protect our nation's citizenry, values and way of life; for those symbols and customs serving as tangible images of the freedom and liberties of these great United States of America; and for each other as fellow Americans; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That The American Legion use whatever means at its disposal to engage whatever means possible to promote a united nation and a united American people.**