

RESOLUTION
Department Headquarters, The American Legion of Ohio

RESOLUTION No.: 22-06

ORIGIN: Department Legislative Committee

SUBJECT: To Urge The American Legion Americanism Commission to Revise The American Legion 21st Century Policy on Education

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON:

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting, October 14-15, 2015, adopted Resolution No. 22 The American Legion 21st Century Policy on Education to reflect the terminology and the state of education in the United States of America in the twenty-first century; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion 21st Century Policy on Education’s Fundamental Concepts states, “Not only does proper national defense require trained personnel, but the daily operations of our local, state and federal governments, our farms, our professions, our commerce and industry, and, in fact, every phase of life today, demands that we have competent citizens, who are qualified, willing and able to discharge their responsibilities”; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services list the following responsibilities of citizens to be (1) support and defend the Constitution; (2) stay informed of the issues affecting your community; (3) participate in the democratic process; (4) respect and obey federal, state, and local laws; (5) respect the rights, beliefs, and opinions of others; (6) pay income and other taxes honestly, and on time, to federal, state, and local authorities; (7) serve on a jury when called upon; (8) defend the country if the need should arise, and (9) participate in your local community; and

WHEREAS, The National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service published an *Inspire to Serve* report that defines *civic education* includes teaching the fundamental principles enshrined in the Constitution, Declaration of Independence, and other founding documents; deepening students’ understanding of how those principles apply to civic life; and providing experiences that intentionally prepare students for informed, engaged participation in civic life; and

WHEREAS, The National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service found that 22 percent of American adults cannot name any of the three branches of government, and 37 percent cannot name any of the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, and only 22 States require high school students to be tested on civics or U.S. government before they graduate; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion 21st Century Policy on Education “Federal Educational Activities of National Interest” does not include civic education; and, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion Department of Ohio, Department Executive Committee assembled in regular session, in Delaware, Ohio, on April 2, 2022, that we call upon The National American Legion Americanism Commission to revise the organization 21st Century Policy on Education to define and list “*civic education*” as a Federal Educational Activity of National Interest.

This is to certify that this resolution was adopted by our Department but with National action substituted for local resolving clause.

Adjutant

Department

Other authorized source:

(To be used when resolution is submitted from another authorized source or to comply with Resolution 21, May 4-5, 2016)

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Rejected

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Other Action

Signature of Chairman or Secretary _____
