



This Resolution was properly presented to the Department Resolutions Committee prior to the 2021 Department of California Convention held virtually in Sanger, CA on 26-27. This is the result of the Resolution:

**Resolution Number:** 2021-006

**Title of Resolution:** Support for Veteran Support and Outreach Act

**Subject Matter:** This resolution is to support an act to be passed by Congress to allow for contracts and award grants to States to promote health and wellness to prevent suicide and improve outreach to veterans

**Convention Standing Committee Assignment:** Legislative

**Committee Recommendations:** Recommend it be passed on the floor of the convention.

**Action on the Floor:** The Resolution was presented on the floor by a member of the Legislative Committee and was adopted and is being forwarded to National for consideration.

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Resolution No. 2021-006

Subject: SUPPORT FOR VETERAN SUPPORT/OUTREACH ACT

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**RESOLUTION**

**SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF COMMITMENT TO VETERAN SUPPORT AND OUTREACH ACT**

WHEREAS, County Veterans Service Officers (CVSO) nationwide carry out programs that promote health and wellness, strengthen the coordination, implementation, and evaluation of comprehensive veteran suicide prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, CVSOs offer a higher probability of improving outreach and assistance to veterans and the spouses, children, and parents of veterans, and they ensure that such individuals are fully informed about, and assisted in applying for, any veterans and veterans-related benefits and programs (including State veterans programs) for which they may be eligible; and

WHEREAS, there is currently NO federal funding directly available for CVSOs, and in California, the Total CVSO Operations Funding (all sources) for Fiscal Year 2018-19 was \$38,784,221, of which County Funding accounted for 77%, and the State General Fund was 15%, and the Other State Funds was 8%; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is immensely affecting the financial health of States and Counties as evidenced by their widespread fiscal deficits, and at the same time, many at-risk Veterans need more assistance during this recession; therefore

RESOLVED, by the Department of California during their Virtual Convention that The American Legion urges Congress to immediate pass the Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the U.S. Department Veterans Affairs (USDVA) to enter into contracts with and award grants to States to promote health and wellness, prevent suicide, and improve outreach to veterans, and for other purposes.

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*This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted*

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