

**RESOLUTION**  
**National Headquarters, The American Legion**  
**Ninety-Ninth Annual National Convention, Reno, Nevada**  
**August 22, 23 and 24, 2017**

RESOLUTION NO. 88

SUBJECT NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL AFFAIRS

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WHEREAS, One of the founding principles of The American Legion is “To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars”; and

WHEREAS, The National Veterans Memorial and Museum (NVMM) has a nonprofit organization incorporated in the State Of Ohio currently conducting a campaign to raise money to construct a memorial and museum in Columbus, Ohio in honor of all military veterans; and

WHEREAS, They have currently raised in excess of \$75 million for the design and construction with a completion date for opening in Summer 2018; and

WHEREAS, The Columbus, Ohio Downtown Development Corporation is currently serving as the project manager for the design and construction of the NVMM and once constructed ownership will be transferred to a different 501(c)(3) organization to manage the ongoing operations and maintenance of the memorial and museum; and

WHEREAS, The NVMM purpose is to honor the contributions of our nation’s veterans, connect civilians and veterans, inspire communities and citizens to honor service in the military, and educate our youth on the value of serving our nation; and

WHEREAS, Senator John Glenn served as the founding chairman of National Veterans Memorial and Museum Advisory Committee and it was his vision to construct this memorial and museum in the heartland of America so more citizens would be able to visit in order to honor those who served this nation in uniform; and

WHEREAS, There is legislation pending in the 115th Congress to approve the National Veterans Memorial and Museum as a national landmark with the idea the bill will be included in the current National Defense Authorization Act currently under review; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is in favor of honoring veterans with such a memorial; now, therefore be it

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

Other authorized source: CONVENTION COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL AFFAIRS

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**RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Reno, Nevada, August 22, 23, 24, 2017, That The American Legion goes on record to support the construction of a memorial dedicated to our veterans in Columbus, Ohio which is to be named the National Veterans Memorial and Museum without financial obligation by The American Legion; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That the national organization supports legislation to designate the memorial and museum as a national landmark and that our national American Legion media channels be utilized to advance awareness to our membership on the progress of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum.**

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