

## RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 19

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Subject 5 Year Term for Veterans Service Agency Directors

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Referred to Convention Resolutions Committee

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**WHEREAS**, New York State Executive Law, Section 357 – 1 states “The Chairman of the board of Supervisors of a County, with the approval of the Board of Supervisors, shall appoint, and may at pleasure, remove Directors of the County Veterans Service Agency for such County” and

**WHEREAS**, there is no specified minimum term set for the County Director of the Veterans Service Agency similar to a County Commissioner of Social Services; and

**WHEREAS**, frequent removal and appointment of a Director of a County Veterans Service Agency destroys any continuity of services and does not allow the Agency to fulfill its mission to the veteran population of the Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the complexity of the position of Director of a County Veterans Service Agency has increased requiring more extensive knowledge of veterans benefit laws, mandated annual training, as well as accreditation by the Department of Veterans Affairs to file claims; and

**WHEREAS**, this destruction of continuity of services is not only a disservice to the veteran population and their dependents but also a potential loss of earned benefits and revenue to the veterans and to the Counties of residence, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, by the American Legion, Department of New York in convention assembled July 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 in Rochester, New York that it endorse and support the changing of the New York State executive law, section 357 – 1 to read that “The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of a County, with the approval of the Board of Supervisors, shall appoint, a Director of the County Veterans Service Agency for such County, for a term of 5 (five) years”, and, be it finally

**RESOLVED**, that if adopted a copy of this resolution be sent to the Department of New York Legislative committee for further action.

**FOR CONVENTION COMMITTEE USE**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

Approved with Amendments  X

Consolidated with \_\_\_\_\_

Referred to Standing Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

Received and Recorded \_\_\_\_\_

Other Action \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chairman)

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Adjutant Signature

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John B. Sampson, Chairman  
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Department Resolutions Committee  
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