

RESOLUTION

Resolution

19-16

Subject

Rename the Law and Order Committee

Referred to Convention Resolutions Committee

Whereas, the concept “To Maintain Law and Order” has been a cornerstone of the American Legion’s core beliefs since its inception in 1919, and,

Whereas, The American Legion explains the concept “TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER...Without law and order, liberty would become license. Law and order protect our pursuit of happiness, one of our God-given rights. Members of The American Legion served in wars to uphold law and order among nations. It is just as important to maintain the due processes of law in our domestic affairs. It binds Legionnaires to obey the laws of the land and to support the constituted authorities in enforcing those laws. It means the citizen must never take the law into his own hands!” , and,

Whereas, Common understandings of Law and Order associate the concept with police, and judicial action, and

Whereas, The Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion was adopted during the St. Louis Caucus in 1919 listing “To Maintain Law and Order” as the third of 10 clauses that constitute the Legion’s vision of what the organization stands for, and

Whereas, Since 9/11, America has recognized that all first responders can be potentially be thrust in dangerous situations in a moment’s notice, and

Whereas, Over the course of the past century our Law and Order Committee has expanded recognition to include all first responders in our appreciation of what professionals and volunteers do to keep American safe and healthy, and

Whereas, Our Law and Order Committee now recognizes, Fire Fighters, Correction Officers, EMTs and Paramedics, 911 Dispatchers and all other emergency services, and
Whereas, the name Law and Order Committee does not sufficiently express the goals of the committee, and,

Therefore it be, Resolved, That the Law and Order Committee be renamed to Law and Order and First Responders committee, and be it further,
Resolved, that upon passage in Albany County, this resolution be forwarded to the Department Convention, to be held in Buffalo, New York, July 18, 19 and 20, 2019 for consideration.

FOR CONVENTION COMMITTEE USE

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Approved with Amendments _____

Consolidated with _____

Referred to Standing Committee on _____

Received and Recorded _____

Other Action _____

Signature _____

(Chairman)

Adjutant Signature

County

Below section to be completed when resolution
is submitted from another authorized source.

Name

Department Resolutions Committee

Title