

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2617

Subject Funding Resolution

WHEREAS, Veterans' organizations across New York State, including American Legion Posts, provide critical services to veterans, their families, and their communities, including mental health support, camaraderie, housing assistance referrals, and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, many of these organizations operate out of aging facilities that require essential capital improvements, including structural repairs, accessibility upgrades, and safety enhancements; and

WHEREAS, previous New York State budgets have included funding opportunities and grants to support capital improvement projects for veteran non-profit organizations, recognizing their vital role in supporting those who have served; and

WHEREAS, the enacted 2026-2027 New York State Budget failed to allocate funding for veteran non-profit capital improvement programs, thereby placing additional financial strain on local posts and organizations already operating with limited resources; and

WHEREAS, the absence of such funding threatens the ability of veteran organizations to maintain safe, accessible, and functional facilities, potentially reducing services available to veterans and their communities; and

WHEREAS, veteran organizations contribute significantly to the social fabric and public service network of New York State, often filling gaps not met by government programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the The American Legion Department of New York in convention assembled July 16th-18th, 2026, in Syracuse, New York that we urge the Governor and the New York State Legislature to restore and prioritize funding for veterans' non-profit capital improvement programs in future state budgets; and be it further

RESOLVED, that The American Legion calls upon all members, posts, and allied veteran organizations to advocate for equitable funding and recognition of the infrastructure needs of veteran serving non-profits; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of New York, members of the New York State Legislature, and other appropriate state officials to emphasize the urgent need for renewed investment in veterans' facilities.

American Legion Department of New York

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Other Action:

Signature: Frank J. Peters
(Chairman)



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Department Adjutant

Title

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Frank J. Peters, Chairman

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