

# THE AMERICAN LEGION

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

117 VETERANS WAR MEMORIAL BLDG, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-4587

THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT IN **TRIPLICATE**

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ Subject \_\_\_\_\_

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## RESOLUTION

Whereas, the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress, in one of its final acts in its so-called "Lame Duck Session" held after the national elections of November 2, 2010, by legislative actions which included the votes of many members of House and Senate who had not been re-elected or otherwise would not be serving in the incoming 112<sup>th</sup> Congress, adopted legislation repealing the "Don't Ask/Don't Tell" policy concerning open homosexuality in the U.S. Military; and,

Whereas, the National American Legion, representing some 2.5-million wartime veterans in more than 14,000 American Legion Posts, has consistently opposed elimination of the "Don't Ask/Don't Tell" military policy, especially at this time of war in which American troops are in combat; and,

Whereas, among other things, more than 1,000 retired military Generals and Flag Rank Officers have signed a statement opposing repeal of Don't Ask/Don't Tell at this time; and the purported survey of troops by the Pentagon which was cited in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress in fact failed to ask the troops the critical question of whether they believed "Don't Ask/Don't Tell" should be repealed; and troops actually serving in combat areas have overwhelmingly opposed elimination of "Don't Ask/Don't Tell;" and troops reportedly have been threatened that if they object to open homosexuality in the military they should "get out" of the military; and,

Whereas, Riverside Post 79, on Feb. 9, 2011, and District 21 of The American Legion Department of California, in Regular Meeting held on March 6, 2011, did adopt this resolution calling for the repeal by the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress of the repeal of "Don't Ask/Don't Tell" policy by the Lame Duck session of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that The American Legion, Department of California, at its 2011 Convention, opposes elimination of the policy of "Don't Ask/ Don't Tell," and calls on the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress to repeal the repeal of "Don't Ask/Don't Tell" policy by the Lame Duck Session of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Adjutant of the Department of California be and is hereby instructed to send this resolution to the National Adjutant for consideration and appropriate action at the 2011 National Convention.

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

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Chairman

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