

THE AMERICAN LEGION

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

The resolution below was adopted by Post # 382 in a regular meeting dated March 16, 2026

SIGNATURE POST COMMANDER OR ADJUTANT Jessica Otten

INSTRUCTIONS (Department By-Laws Article 1, section 5, b-c)

This form must be filled out in triplicate.

All resolutions shall be presented to the Dept. Adjutant at least forty (40) days prior to the Dept. Convention.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Many veterans and first responders experience trauma as a result of military service, combat operations, and exposure to life-threatening or highly stressful environments; and

WHEREAS, Many veterans experience post-traumatic stress related to combat, military operations, or other service-connected experiences; and

WHEREAS, Stigma associated with mental health conditions can discourage veterans from seeking treatment or peer support; and

WHEREAS, Increasing numbers of clinicians, researchers, and veteran advocates recognize that trauma impacts the brain in ways similar to physical injuries sustained in service; and

WHEREAS, The term Post-Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI) is increasingly used as an educational tool to emphasize that trauma is a wound sustained through service rather than a personal weakness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Florida in Department Convention assembled in Orlando, Florida, June 11-14, 2026, That The Department of Florida in its capacity as a leading organization dedicated to the well-being of veterans and their families, support and use the adoption of the term Post-Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI) to reduce the stigma associated with Post-Traumatic Stress among veterans; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Legion encourage educational discussions about Post-Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI) as a way to reduce stigma associated with post-traumatic stress; and encourage all its Posts, Districts and Departments to promote awareness of Post-Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI) and the importance of early treatment and peer support; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That nothing in this resolution is intended to alter the existing medical diagnosis of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder used by medical professionals.

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For Department Action _____
For National Action _____
Consolidated with _____
Referred to Standing Commission or Committee on _____
Referred to Convention Committee on _____
Other Action _____

Signature _____
(Chairperson)

April 15, 2026
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Post Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI)
Subject
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