

THE AMERICAN LEGION

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA PROPOSED RESOLUTION

The resolution below was adopted by Post #7 in a regular meeting dated May 8, 2026.

SIGNATURE POST COMMANDER OR ADJUTANT Randy Crawford

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

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The American Legion has long recognized the courage, sacrifice, and service of our nation's veterans through various commemorative symbols, such as the Gold Star and Blue Star Service Banners, which honor the families of those who have died in combat or served honorably in the military; and

WHEREAS, The Gold Star Service Banner is traditionally displayed by families who have lost a service member in military service, while the Blue Star Service Banner is displayed by families of active-duty service members serving in harm's way; and

WHEREAS, Veterans of the United States Armed Forces face numerous challenges upon returning to civilian life, including mental health struggles, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and other conditions that can lead to tragic outcomes, including suicide, which remains a serious and growing concern within the veteran community; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that an average of 17.5 veterans die by suicide each day and more than 6,300 die by suicide each year, a stark reminder of the ongoing need for increased support, mental health care, and awareness of the invisible wounds of war; and

WHEREAS, The introduction of the Red Star Service Banner would serve as a symbolic means of acknowledging and recognizing members of the military and the veterans who, tragically, lose their lives to suicide, providing a visual reminder of the ongoing need for intervention, support, and compassion for those who have served in uniform; and

WHEREAS, The Red Star Service Banner would stand as an extension of our commitment to supporting all veterans and their families, reinforcing that the loss of a veteran to suicide is no less significant than other forms of loss due to military service; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has a long-standing tradition of advocating for veterans' mental health care, working to raise awareness, and pushing for policies that reduce the rates of suicide among those who served; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Florida in Department Convention assembled in Orlando, Florida, June 11-14, 2026, that, in its capacity as a leading organization dedicated to the well-being of veterans and their families, will support legislation to adopt the Red Star Service Banner as a symbol of hope and remembrance for families of military service members and veterans who have lost a loved one to suicide.

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